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FIGHT ON THE BLACKMAILERS

New York Police Try to Break Up Foreign Criminal Societies.

VICTIMS FEAR TO PROSECUTE

Vengeance of Black Hand So Terrible Witnesses Quail and Grow Dumb When They Ascend the Stand.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—(Special.)—One of the most serious problems that face the New York police department is the suppression of blackmail and extortion.

The New York police records show that in 1901 seven persons were arrested for blackmail, twenty-one for extortion, one for attempted extortion and one for kidnapping.

A high official of the United States Secret Service force suggested the other day an interesting explanation of the increase in the number of extortion cases. It is well known that criminal Italians, chiefly men who have been members of the notorious Mafia in Sicily or the Camorra in Naples, are behind many of the attempts that are made to extort money in this city.

All Try to Save Assassin. When a Mafia boss in Sicily slays a man the friends of the murderer and the murdered alike have but one idea—that of saving the assassin. They don't want to go to law for redress.

The Black Hand alone has made necessary the establishment of a separate bureau of Italian detectives at police headquarters. This bureau, which is in charge of Lieutenant Petrosino, has offices of its own on Lafayette street.

Robert Cortese of Paterson, N. J., was fearless in his crusade against the extortionists in that city. He had received a number of warning letters and on February 3 last an express package was delivered at his office. He opened it and was killed by the explosion which followed.

District Attorney David E. Boone of Hammond, Ind., was threatened with death and again when he was prosecuting Black Hand.

"Your doom may not come today; it may not come tomorrow," said the letters, "but as true as you live and God rules you must suffer. If we can't get you we will get your loved ones."

Threats of the same kind are being received continually by District Attorney Jerome and Police Commissioner Bingham. It has got to be such a common occurrence with them that they pass over most of the letters without reading them.

Vengeance on Felling Members. It is, however, in punishing members of their own band that the vengeance of the Italian blackmailing organization is most dreadful. Murder after murder has turned up in the Italian quarters of this city in which it is next to impossible to establish a motive.

On the body may be some mark or knife wound which will indicate to the investigator the name of the murderer. In the case of the murder of Giuseppe Catania and the peddler, Meyer Weisbard, supposedly by the same gang, Catania had a habit of getting drunk and talking too much. He was found dead in a sack near his home in Brooklyn.

The secret service force has another instance which they always cite to illustrate the punishment which this organization metes out to one of its backsliding members. Back in the early '90s Antonio Placomo, a member of a Mafia counterfeiting gang, was suspected of having given up some of the band's secrets.

At a meeting of the band in a restaurant near Eighth street, Placomo's death was decided upon, and two men, one of them Vincenzo Carnello, were selected as the executioners. Placomo had been Carnello's pal from boyhood and at the last moment Carnello weakened and declared that he would sooner kill himself. On the night after the meeting Placomo was seen to leave the restaurant in Third avenue arm in arm with another Italian. At Eighth street and Fourth avenue Placomo's companion slipped a long knife from under his coat and plunged it into Placomo's heart. Then he disappeared around a corner before the crowd in the street had recovered from his fright. That night a few minutes after the mur-

der three Italians entered the New England hotel at 39 Bowery. Two of them entered a room for the night and paid for it. In the morning the third man was found dead in bed with the gas turned on. He had evidently committed suicide. This man was Carasello.

The Camorra in America. In the branches of the Camorra in this country, as in Italy, there are three grades of criminals. First comes the ruling power known as the Camorrista. They are the wise heads or councilors. Next come the executioners, and finally the youth who are being trained to crime.

The Hunchakists go gunning only after some incident that the finances wouldn't care to handle. But for divorce and breach of promise suits he begins for the sole purpose of shaking down the victims, but everything has the appearance of regularity and the district attorney is able to do nothing. There was one law firm in this city which was notorious for the power which it possessed over influential men.

Extortion in Chinatown. In Chinatown the police are running up against instances of extortion all the time. The attempt by certain members of the Hip Sing Tong, the alleged Chinese reformers, to corner all of the gambling graft in the district led to little shooting bees that have been held in Doyers and Pell streets with marked regularity for the last year or more.

The Hunchakist society, or rather that branch of it which has been engaged in blackmailing wealthy Armenian merchants in this city, had until the recent murder in Union square, escaped the attention of the police because of the terror which it inspired in the minds of its victims. It has been operating in this city for a year or more, but the men who were marked by it had been so fearful of their lives that they had not even dared to complain to the police.

The Armenian method of extorting money is one of the most skillful practiced by foreign blackmailers. The Armenians operate under the guise of patriotism and use fanatics such as Tavshanjan's murderer to commit the actual crimes. These fanatics always are under the impression that they are re-

dering a service to their stricken country. Unlike the other criminal bands which operate in New York, the Hunchakists have branches all over the world. Cyprus and Paris are the headquarters of the two factions. The society was started in 1886 in Athens by Armenian patriots who planned a revolution to free their country from the tyranny of the sultan.

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FIND ANCIENT MANUSCRIPT

Tomb Near Coptic Monastery Proves Rich in Contents.

INVALUABLE TO ARCHAEOLOGISTS

Twenty-Five Leaves of Apocryphal Sayings of Christ Discovered—Translations of the Gospels.

CAIRO, Aug. 10.—(Special.)—The latest of the many discoveries by archaeologists in Egypt occurred some months ago at Edfu in upper Egypt, near the site of an old Coptic monastery. A native clearing his ground of stones accidentally had discovered a small tomb-like receptacle. In this he found a number of parchment manuscripts bound in thick papyrus covers. He sold them to an Arab dealer for a few dollars, and the Arab in return sold them to a Copt for \$250.

The news had by this time gone abroad, and representatives of the foreign museums made energetic efforts to capture the manuscripts. The good fortune of securing them fell to Mr. De Rustiaffell, F. R. G. S., the well known traveler and explorer. Since the discovery, however, a great university has been trying to obtain possession.

The manuscripts, he says, had already been identified as unique Coptic and Greek ecclesiastical manuscripts of the ninth to eleventh centuries of great archaeological importance, and about a dozen rolls of sixth century Greek papyrus. Among them are twenty-five leaves of the apocryphal sayings of Christ in a Coptic translation of a lost Greek original, of which previously only thirteen leaves were known—twelve in the National Gallery at Paris and one in Berlin.

Find Ancient Gospels. The discovery also comprised parts of the Gospels of St. Matthew, St. Mark and St. Luke in Greek and Coptic, the Apocryphal of St. John in Coptic, the history of miracles by Cosmas and Damian (dated sixth century), a sermon by St. Psenoth in Coptic (this copy being unique), a sermon by St. Cyril, bishop of Jerusalem (A. D. 335-386) on the sacred cross, in Coptic, from an existing Greek original (this is the only complete edition) and a unique manuscript in the Nubian language dealing with the life of St. Menes and the canons of the Nubian council. Only fragments of manuscripts in the Nubian language have been discovered hitherto. These are very few scholars in the language and scarcely any published literature. Hence the present volume, which is in an excellent state of preservation, is of first rate importance.

From a dedication in one of the manuscripts the monastery, on the site of which they were discovered, is proved to have been named "St. Mercury of the Mount of Edfu," and one of the volumes is a history of the martyrdom of St. Marcurus. A modern Coptic monastery stands near the site, but the name of the older foundation had been entirely lost until this discovery.

Egypt has also yielded another find to Mr. De Rustiaffell's researches. In the desert in upper Egypt, on the left bank of the Nile, he found among the remains of prehistoric flint factories, a number of crude and weather beaten limestone vessels resembling troughs and pots, like ironstone concretions. He holds them to be of the paleolithic age. They are certainly older than the neolithic age, which covered a considerable period in Egypt before the advent of the first dynasty, in B. C. 400. Mr. De Rustiaffell thinks it difficult to overestimate the importance of this discovery in connection with the history of civilization in general, and the evolution of pottery in particular.

Teaching French in Egypt. According to all accounts received here the French nation is not pleased with Sir Edward Grey's explanation of his policy regarding French schools. In the Lambeth case, as well as in many other cases, it is claimed that the policy of Sir Edward Grey has been against these schools which England has promised to respect. The claim is even made that the teaching of French in Egypt is not only a moral force, but an instrument of economic action which cannot be abandoned. France, it is claimed, has millions and millions of dollars invested in Egypt and that country has never promised to disregard all moral and material interests. Its agreement in 1904 is said by those best posted upon the subject to be confined simply to the abandonment of an all anti-English policy in Egypt. It has scrupulously observed it, but in the economic as well as in the intellectual field, it is claimed that it has yielded nothing. The feeling among the French residents here, and there is a large French colony in Egypt, handed down from the days when De Lesseps built the Suez canal, is that the present government has gone to the extreme in its efforts to make Egypt pro-British. It is openly asserted here that Lord Cromer, stern and severe as he was, would never have been guilty of making some of the mistakes which have been made recently in connection with the occupation of Egypt.

Corned Breakfast Food. The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture has been experimenting with coffee, oat hulls and ground corn-cobs. The composition of certain patent foods. Most consumers have suspected the existence of bran and excelsior, but corn-cobs are a new element. Perhaps they are put in to prevent the diet from being too concentrated, on the same principle that corn-cobs are added to a mixture of corn-cobs and corn fed to their cattle.—Indianapolis Star.

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