

KIDNAPPERS MAY BE IN BIG HAUL OF BLACK HANDS

Four Men Arrested in Round-Up Believed to Be Stealers of Child.

12 OTHERS LOCKED UP.

Italian Detectives Instructed to Catch All Criminals Identified with Blackmailers.

Until after midnight to-day, Detective Sergeant Petrosino and the members of the staff of Italian sleuths were busy hunting up in the downtown Italian centers of the city the bad men of that nationality who may be identified with the membership of the Black Hand organizations.

Fifteen men were arrested and brought to Police Headquarters. Among the prisoners are four men who are declared to be the ringleaders of the gang which kidnaped little George Brucata. Every prisoner when searched possessed either a gun or brace of guns or a knife with a blade sharpened to a keen point and more than six inches in length.

When the fifteen were deposited of their numerous paraphernalia the desk in the detectives' office looked like a small sized arsenal.

The arrests were prompted by Commissioner Binigiani, who has declared his intention of putting a stop to Black Hand methods in this city and reinforcing Petrosino's squad with fifty additional Italian-speaking members of the Department.

One of the "Black Handers" aimed a revolver at Petrosino, fired and ran away, escaping. The detective was not hit by the bullet.

Another of the prisoners, Pasquale Corrazzini, is an ex-convict, and the police declare he was a brigand in Italy. He carried a peculiar knife, shaped like a scimitar, which, the detective declares, was used by the Black Hand to mark victims with a peculiar scar known to every member of the society.

The captures began with that of Petrosino and three others at No. 125 East 12th street, where specimens of threatening letters are also said to have been found. Four of the men were captured in East Houston street. Detective Petrosino declares they are the ringleaders, not only in the kidnaping of four-year-old George Brucata, but also the instigators of a number of murders and of the blowing up of a store recently in East street.

Headquarters they gave their names as Nicolo Sibano, No. 249 Sullivan street; Anton Cristina, No. 14 West Houston street; and Joseph Polio, No. 140 Perry street.

When the fifteen prisoners were arrested in the Jefferson Market Court-house seven were held for carrying concealed weapons. Six were held under \$200 bonds each and one, an ex-convict, under \$100.

ENGLAND NAMES BRYCE.

President Officially Informed of Choice of Ambassador.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—It is reported that President Roosevelt has been officially informed that it is the desire of Great Britain to send Mr. James Bryce as British Ambassador to Washington.

That the appointment would be agreed to by President Roosevelt is generally admitted.

That Hot Wisdom Wave Yet Sweeps O'er Chicago.

If These Discoveries Don't Come from the "University," There's Been a Mistake, for They're Due.

Since the establishment of Chicago University the time-honored assertion that there is nothing new under the sun is disproved about three times a week. Chicago to-day exhibits the most interesting and original aggregation of



THE SLEAZED MAN—NATURE'S METHOD OF SOLVING THE RAPID TRANSIT QUESTION.



YES, GENESHEM! FIVE GENERATIONS FROM NOW!—THE CHALLENGED MAN!

Investigators in the world—or else a star collection of eligibles for the burgho. Professors in Chicago University can be relied upon to startle the world at frequent intervals. One of them found that we are all becoming Indians.

Another discovers that in forty years and four months we will all be leading the simple life. Still another announces that if we keep on the way we are going the nation is doomed to destruction in 415 in the afternoon, on July 4, 1947.

Head three and if you don't think they are authentic please remember that this is Peace and Goodwill time and refrain from violence.

Will All Be One-Legged. CHICAGO, yesterday—Prof. Dub, addressing the annual convention of 1906, and Dumo Auctioneers, announced that in five more generations we will become a one-legged race, because his prediction upon the habit of crossing the legs in street cars.

"The only exceptions," declared Prof. Dub, "will be the people who ride in cabs. They put their feet on the seat in front of them. Continual crossing the legs causes paralysis of the crossed nerves. As these nerves gradually die one leg will disappear. The birth of the first one-legged baby will create the sensation, but when all babies are born with one leg there will be no further surprise. In this way the transit problem will be solved. When people are unable to cross their legs in street cars there will be more room."

Prof. Gag disagrees with Prof. Dub. He declares that in five generations we will be a three-legged race.

"Already," says Prof. Gag, "we are crowding ourselves to the limit of our powers. We are going as rapidly as we can go with two legs. We must have assistance. When shall we fall upon, provide it? Nature. What can Nature do? Nothing but give us another leg."

Compressed Air for Babies. CHICAGO, to-morrow—Mrs. Algernon McNally-Muck, wife of the millionaire

less Mothers' Club at the Auditorium that the proper way to raise children is with compressed air—the chamber she has experimented with five orphans and only four of them have died.

"Our present system of rearing children," said Mrs. Muck, "is all wrong. I saw a woman in a park the other day actually feeding her own child. I tried to correct her she hit me over the head with a paper bag filled with bananas."

Every home ought to have a compressed air chamber. Any plumber will build it. When you have the chamber completed put the child in and then sit with compressed air in the chamber, not the child. Before and after using the air it must be thoroughly washed.

The inhabitants of New England will change into pie plants, the inhabitants of Long Island will change into oyster shells, the inhabitants of New York will change into egg plants and the inhabitants of St. Louis will change into onions. Chicagoans will be clematis. This will be the beginning of the final. When all the people are changed into plants there will naturally be no one left to eat the plants. Consequently the plants must die.

All have made some discoveries concerning the action of the moon upon the tides that completely refute all the way to take account in to battle it feet with it. He has been conducting a series of, remarkable experiments which he has forth in a volume entitled, "Why Drink?"

Four of his subjects were taken to a hotel and put outside eight quarts of wine. They picked up a piano, carried from the ground floor to the second floor, drank four more quarts, and were put to bed. The next morning when they awoke to carry the piano downstairs they couldn't lift it from the floor.

The same four subjects, after being alcoholically treated by the Guff method—namely, through the feet—refused to touch the piano. This shows that drinking alcohol stimulates man to undue exertion and thus has a deleterious effect upon his health. As a result of Dr. Guff's services to science the Chicago University has decided to confer upon him the title Master of Bunk, recently created and copyrighted by the University.

Dolls 59c. 100 DOZEN DOLLS, full jointed body; 18 inches high; beautiful bisque head with moving eyes; light or dark sewed curly wigs. Dolls you would willingly pay 75c. for. To-morrow 59c.

Thousands Eagerly Buying Toys Now! Greatest Demand in the History of This Store. THE TOY BAZAAR, on the Third Floor, gorgeous, glittering and gay with the glad fascinations of Christmas, is a place of utmost interest. Christmas is flying along, and every hour is precious now. Not a moment should be wasted. We are selling immense quantities of Toys, Dolls, Games and all else in that category. LOWEST PRICES IN NEW YORK! Dozens of tales and counters heaped to overflowing with the biggest Toy Bargains in the city. Kindly keep to the right, and take small parcels with you if convenient.

STORE OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL 10 O'CLOCK. The 14th Street Store New York. 6 Ave's Busy Corner. HENRY SIEGEL, Pres.

Xmas Wines and Liquors. Mail and Telephone Orders Quickly Filled. Special Combination Sale. 1 bottle Wilson Whiskey .95, 1 bottle Port Wine .75, 1 bottle Sherry .75, 1 bottle Zinfandel .50. All For \$1.75. Actual value \$2.95.

Black Peau de Soie Waists at 3.98. Superior Style and Materials to Any Other Waists You Ever Saw at the Price. Many will say they equal \$5.00, when they see them to-morrow. Strictly tailor made, four-inch box plaited side plait, Plaited backs, new sleeves, tailored collars and cuffs. \$3.98. NORFOLK SWEATERS, all sizes; \$2.50 values. FANCY NETS AND ALBATROSS WAISTS, \$1.98. (Second Floor.)

Men's Smoking Jackets. Smoking jackets from the most famous makers in America. Two and three to one effects. Collars and cuffs combinations of colors. New color combinations. New fabrics. 27 distinct patterns. Sizes 34 to 44. \$5.00 values. \$2.95. (Second Floor.)

Xmas Footwear. Juliettes. Women's Hand-sewed Flexible Leather Side-Fit Upper Juliettes; fur lined; regular price \$1.25; colors are red, black, brown and green; sizes 3 to 8; pair. MEN'S HAND-SEWED SLIPPERS, wine and black; \$1.50 values; 98c. WOMEN'S AND MISSES' KNITTED SLIPPERS; lambs' wool sides in blue, pink, gray and black; sizes 3 to 8; 49c. WOMEN'S HAND-SEWED BOOTS, first quality; sizes 4 to 8; \$2.50 values; pair. \$1.59. MEN'S STURDY BOOTS, light weight, dull finish; sizes 4 to 8; pair. \$2.98. MISSES' AND BOYS' DUFFLE PINE LEATHER STORM KING BOOTS, come in a variety of colors, sizes 11 to 2, pair. \$1.98. Boys' Canvas Military Leggings, sizes 6 to 12; 75c. Girls' and Boys' Fast-Black Jersey Leggings, sizes 11 to 2, pair. \$1.39. (Third Floor.)

Men's Handsome Bath Robes. Another Sensational Purchase and Sale. This Time \$7 Bath Robes to Sell at \$2.98. News Most Extraordinary. Because of the most unusual purchase recently of Bath Robes another overstocked merchant came to us for relief. The Bath Robes he offered are of the sort that you see on racks in other stores priced at \$7.00. He Offered to Take a Big Loss to Clear Out Instantly. WE PAID LESS THAN HALF THE WHOLESALE PRICE, and hand them on to you at the same big ratio of saving. Cut extra full—nothing "skimpy" about these handsome garments. They are cut very full in order to make them very comfortable and easy. Made of very fine double-faced German blankets. All-over Jacquard patterns, with borders to match. Large box plait in the back. All seams are double stitched and welted. Neck cords and girdle to match. SPECIAL PRICE. \$2.98. (Main Floor.)

EXTRA! Opening To-morrow of the Big "HOLIDAY FAIR" On the 4th Floor. "THE FAIR" will be continuously enlivened by the SHEET MUSIC DEPT., in which Piano Recitals will be given by expert players. Big attractive extra displays of Toilet Articles, Leather Goods, Fancy Linens, Handkerchiefs, Bric-a-Brac, Hosiery, Handkerchief and Glove Boxes, Candles, Books, Stationery, Pillow Tops, Fancy Pillows, Smokers' Articles, etc. Shoppers can take elevators direct to the Fourth Floor. Shopping on this floor will possess a distinct charm and novelty entirely its own. 18 Special Bargain Tables To Tempt Eager Xmas Customers.

Christmas Special-- Women's Coats. Full Satin Lined---One of the Season's Greatest Bargains. Broadcloth outside, satin inside, 50 inches long. That's the bare, unadorned description. But for style, charm, swing and dash there's never an equal short of \$10.98. The collarless type of coat, adorned with liberal portions of tulle, braids and velvets; cut very full across the back. AT THE PRICE OFFERED, worthy of the highest words of praise (like illustration) \$6.75. WOMEN'S STYLISH KERSEY COATS, 50-inch collarless models, heavily trimmed with wide silk braids and velvet. Full, graceful sleeves; man tailored throughout; full ruffle \$10.75. becks. \$18.98 values.

Dinner Sets Drop Head, Ball Bearing Sewing Machines. 100 Decorated \$7.49 Pieces in Every Set. The best Christmas offer in handsome Dinner Sets ever seen. The ware is one of the thinnest and purest qualities made. The shapes are new and are richly finished with gilt. Each set has large size platters and soup tureen. Usual values \$10.00 to \$12.00. Also Special—25 different patterns of HANDSOME DINNER WARE; extraordinary values; usual price \$14 to \$16. \$10.00. DECORATED 56-PIECE CHINA TEA SETS; latest Empire \$3.95. SPARKLING FINISH GLASS PUNCH SETS, for 12 persons; usual \$6 set, at \$3.95. (Basement.)

Brill Xmas Sales. Now's when Brill trade advantages work most for your benefit. Now when Yuletide expenses are heaviest Brill stores present needed garments from ten best tailoring organizations at prices 20 to 40% less than usual. These modern clothes proclaim the triumph of the ready-to-wear idea—best tailoring, best fabric, best fit and smartest style at least cost. \$10 for \$15 All-wool Suits and Overcoats. Melton and worsted cheviot semi-fitted and box Overcoats, in Oxford and black. And silk mixed cassimere, mixture and gray twill cheviot and black thibet Suits. \$14.50 for Journeyman Tailored Clothes. Suits and Overcoats, because of the excellent tailoring and fabric, worth up to \$22.50. Suits of worsted, cheviot, cassimere and thibet. And Overcoats of worsted, melton, velour and cheviot, in black, Oxford, Cambridge, light and blue grays, in semi-fitted, form-fitted, extreme fitted back and button-through models. \$3 for Youths' Suits and Overcoats. All wool Tourist Overcoats, fitted back 46 inch Overcoats. And all wool black Thibet and fancy mixture Suits, sizes 15 to 29. \$3.95 for Children's \$5 and \$6 Garments. Dudley four-in-one Combination Suits (with extra trousers), knickerbocker, double breast, Sailor, Russian and Kimono Suits, and Reefs, Box and Russian Overcoats. Xmas presents for children FREE. Get the Habit, Go to Brill Brothers FOUR STORES. UNION SQUARE, 14th, n. B'way. 279 BROADWAY, n. Chambers. 47 CORTLANDT, n. Greenwich. 125TH STREET, cor. 3d Avenue. Open Evenings.

Men's Overcoats and Suits. Bargains in Xmas Furniture. THE OVERCOATS are in all the newest styles and most popular fabrics. Made to be sold at \$12. Overcoats for quiet, conservative dressers, as well as the long swell Overcoats with flare skirts for swagger young chaps. Sizes range from 34 to 46. \$8.75. Also handsome OVERCOATS, in various styles, at \$11.00. MEN'S SUITS, in a variety of popular fabrics and styles, at \$11.00. COMBINATION BOOKCASE AND DESK—Thoroughly reasoned oak, golden finish, large and massive, excellent construction; beautifully ornamented with heavy wood carvings. 38 inches wide, 74 inches high; contains large French bevel-plat mirror; 10 drawers; 4 shelves; desks have fine interior fittings; large closets; massive cast feet; regular price \$18. To-morrow \$10.98. 100 HIGH-GRADE MORRIS CHAIRS—mahogany or oak, golden finish; plush, graceful, shaped arms, spring seats, built-in curved legs, massive cast feet; several different positions; complete with reversible cushion; reversible in fine quality plain or figured fabric; regular price \$12. To-morrow \$8.95. (Fifth Floor.)