

Wife Accused Of Aiding Gang To Rob Husband

Four of Alleged Kidnapers Arrested Decorated With Jewelry and Carrying Large Sums of Money

\$55,000 Hoard Is Taken

Ivarone Believes Wife Is in Fear That Blackmailers Will Kill Her Child

Mrs. Maria Ivarone, wife of Salvatore Ivarone, wealthy retired butcher of 54 Oak Street, who has figured in sensational stories as the victim of kidnapers, was locked up in the Tombs last night on charges of grand larceny. Detective Sergeant Michael Flasechetti, of the Italian division, accused the woman of having stolen \$55,000 in Italian Liberty bonds, jewelry and money, the property of her husband.

Ivarone, the husband, who spent sleepless nights after ransoming his three-year-old son Tony, who disappeared with his mother June 23, is at a loss to understand it all.

Mrs. Ivarone was held after four members of the alleged kidnaping and blackmailing band had been apprehended. The prisoners held besides Ivarone are Vincenzo Damiani, of the officers; Tony Mancini, of 35 Madison Street, a barber, and a relative of Mrs. Ivarone; Giuseppe Contadino, of 241 North Lincoln Avenue, Chicago, a wholesale grocer, and Samuel Contadino, of 214 Chrystie Street, Manhattan, a brother of Giuseppe.

Spent Money Lavishly

Giuseppe Contadino and Mancini were arrested in Utica, from which city it is charged Mrs. Ivarone fled in company with Samuel Contadino. Sergeant Flasechetti said she was living with Samuel after she had left her husband. All the prisoners were wearing much jewelry and carried considerable sums of money.

Investigative Inella and Fiorri, of the Italian squad, who worked on the case in Utica, went direct to an address, 45 Lansing Street, where Damiani and Mancini were arrested. They were outed. The detectives had word that the gang had been spending money rather lavishly around the city and convinced these places, in Utica and New York.

They then sought Samuel Contadino and Mrs. Ivarone, but learned the latter had fled together for New York. They suggested Sergeant Flasechetti, who picked up the couple at the station here.

In the room at 45 Lansing Street, the detectives found a key to a safe deposit box in the Bowers Savings Bank, New York, which is to be searched to-day. Damiani has said he had Ivarone's money will be searched in this box. It is charged by Flasechetti that Mrs. Ivarone rented this box when she left home for the last time with her baby, and when it was opened the money was gone. She is charged she withdrew her husband's savings of a lifetime from another bank.

Husband Doubts Her Guilt

The woman's personal bankbook shows she has withdrawn \$1,354, her entire personal account. On her return when arrested she had \$750 in cash, her husband's diamond tie pin and other jewelry. On G. Contadino they found \$390 in cash, a watch, with a pearl-studded chain and a diamond ring, worth \$2,000. Mancini's modest possessions were \$95 in cash and some diamond jewelry.

Even now that his wife is under arrest, it was said last night there is a lingering doubt on her guilt in the mind of her husband, who still believes it possible that she has acted because of threats of the gang to strangle her baby unless she did as she was told. Mrs. Ivarone has denounced her husband in a statement, but even this the husband believes may be due to her fear for the life of her child.

Mrs. Ivarone said that she lost her love for her husband when she learned he had been conducting himself improperly. She would not say whether she had come to this belief in her husband's alleged double life, because of something a member of the gang had said. She said her husband once attacked her with a butcher's cleaver.

She was represented by an attorney, who got in a wordy battle at Police headquarters with Detective Flasechetti yesterday afternoon. This attorney charged that Mrs. Ivarone was in the power of the blackmail gang and that she did not even know the men who had exercised such "terrible coercion and intimidation over her."

One Lodge Opponent Quits

BOSTON, Aug. 7.—Russell A. Wood, of Cambridge, to-day announced his withdrawal from the race for the Republican nomination for the United States Senate at the same time urging his followers to give their aid to Joseph Walker, former Speaker of the Massachusetts House and Senator Lodge's strongest opponent. Mr. Wood declared that Lodge has been an "arch reactionary for thirty years."

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Man, 72, Goes to Slayer's Cell; Victim's Widow Accuses His Son

"I Saw Dominick Shoot; His Father Is Protecting Him Because He's a Young Man!" She Cries, but Old Toy Maker Clings to Guilt; Gets 8 to 20 Years

Raffaele de Raffaele is seventy-two years old and therefore his sentence of from eight to twenty years, which he will begin to serve to-day in Sing Sing, is really imprisonment for life. The old man is a toymaker, of 187 Forsythe street. Perhaps he is a hero.

Mrs. Salvatore Pirona, in mourning for her husband, whom Raffaele confessed killing, insisted with tearful wails in Justice Talley's court yesterday that his son Dominick, and not Raffaele, should be sent to jail for the murder.

"I saw him," protested the woman to an interpreter. "I saw Dominick fire the shot and then old Raffaele took the gun from him and they ran. He is protecting his son. The son is a young man."

Other witnesses disputed the widow's story, and their testimony, coupled with the old toymaker's confession, overbore that of Pirona's complaint. He was sentenced, and his son, admittedly a participant in the fatal row, left the court room a free man; strong, healthy, thirty years old, while the father was led back to the Tombs.

The De Raffaele family had been friendly with their neighbors, the Pirones, until the women quarreled and involved their men folk. The shooting, which came in front of the tenement in 187 Forsythe Street, where they all lived, followed a particularly violent outburst that resulted when one of the feudists in sprinkling some window flower pots spilled water on one of the opposite clan.

A joint indictment against Dominick de Raffaele was dismissed when his father confessed.

a report which is in harmony with the existing conditions."

The letter follows the one sent to General Sawyer yesterday by Colonel A. A. Sprague, of Chicago, chairman of the Legion's national rehabilitation committee, suggesting that a Presidential committee be appointed to settle the hospital controversy.

Nuns Just Miss Death In Flood at Swatow

Three Catholic Sisters Cling to Makeshift Rafts as Waters Kill 10,000 Chinese

HONGKONG, Aug. 7. (By The Associated Press).—Three Catholic Sisters in charge of the Ursuline Convent at Swatow, one of them British, the others French Canadians, had miraculous escapes from last Wednesday's tidal wave and typhoon, in which the casualties now are estimated at 10,000.

According to advices received here from Bishop A. Rayssac of the Mission Catholique, Swatow, the terrific wind carried away the roof of the Ursuline Convent and the three sisters in charge were caught by the flood as they were making for safety in the cellar. One clung to the churchyard gate, while a second was carried to comparative security on the floating roof of a nearby building.

The mother superior, Sister Marie Rosary, floated on a drifting bed until daybreak and had been given up as drowned when she was found by two Chinese Christians and brought back to the mission compound. All the church vestments were destroyed by the wind and water.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—A State Department dispatch to-day from Hongkong reported that the American Consulate at Swatow had been unroofed in the recent disastrous storm there, but that so far as known no Americans lost their lives.

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The indictment against Morse is the second to be returned against him by the special grand jury, which was impaneled by authorization of Congress and at the direction of Attorney General Daugherty to investigate alleged war frauds. The first indictment, handed up July 18, resulted from an inquiry into the disposition of surplus lumber after the war. Nine others were indicted in the number on the charge.

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Felonious Conspiracy Charged

The indictment returned to-day specifically charged felonious conspiracy, combination, confederation and agreement to have the Nashville Industrial Corporation purchase the Old Hickory powder plant "for a sum great, less than it was reasonably worth."

The indictment set forth that the government expended \$85,000,000 in the construction of the plant, but received from the sale by the War Department only \$3,450,000.

The indictment explained that on June 28, 1920, the Old Hickory plant was declared by the War Department to be a surplus plant and its sale authorized. Soon thereafter the Nashville Industrial Corporation was organized primarily for the purpose of submitting a bid for the plant, and Davis & Phillips, according to the grand jury's findings, became interested in a syndicate which purchased a large block of the stock.

Under the alleged conspiracy, the indictment asserted, Davis & Phillips were to cause the Nashville Corporation to bid a sum greatly in excess of any sum which any other bidder would be likely to make, but to attach such conditions not permitted by the printed instruction to bidders as to make the bid in fact much less than any other bidder would submit.

Say He Knows of Bid

Morse is charged with knowing the character of the bid and with agreeing in violation of his duty as a govern-

War Fraud Plot Is Charged to 3 New York Men

Daugherty Jury Indicts E. M. Davis, A. W. Phillips and E. C. Morse in Old Hickory Plant Purchase

Say Bid Was "Fake"

Got Property \$1,000,000 Below Competitors' Offer, Complaint; Denial Issued

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Meanest Thief Gets 10 Years for Theft of Cup

Jacob Berman, forty-nine years old, of 162 Sutter Avenue, Brooklyn, described by the police as the meanest thief for his alleged theft of sandwiches and pennies from shopgirls, was sentenced in Sing Sing yesterday for the theft of a collapsible drinking cup. Berman was convicted of taking a wallet from a man at the West End depot in Coney Island on June 24. The wallet contained only the cup.

In sentencing the man Judge MacMahon said nothing could commend Berman to the mercy of the court.

ment official to advise the Secretary of War to accept the Nashville company's bid and thus bring about the sale of the plant for a million dollars less than others stood willing to offer.

In furtherance of the agreement, Morse, the indictment charged, obtained the approval of Secretary of War Baker when the latter was passing through Washington, October 9, 1920, after a speaking campaign in New England.

Mr. Baker was heard by the grand jury during its investigation.

Everly M. Davis, president of the E. M. Davis Chemical Corporation of New York, 55 John Street, yesterday issued this statement, through his attorneys, Engelhard, Pollak, Pitcher & Stern, 111 Broadway:

"When I learned that the purchase of the Old Hickory powder plant was under investigation and that witnesses were being examined about it, I wired the District Attorney asking to be permitted to go before the grand jury, offering to waive immunity. Mr. Phillips did the same thing. This request was refused. Mr. Phillips and I then asked the District Attorney for an opportunity to state the facts to him personally for any use he wished to make of them. This was likewise refused."

"More than my personal interests are involved here can happen in any case and to any citizen where there is an interest in getting an indictment and not in hearing the whole story. In such a case the grand jury, instead of being a protection to individuals, becomes the instrument of a predetermined crusade, in which they are powerless because they cannot get at the facts."

Indorse Smith for Governor

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Aug. 7.—Alfred E. Smith received the unanimous indorsement of the Lewis County Democratic committee for Governor and Justice Ernest I. Edgecomb, of Syracuse, a Republican, was indorsed for the first of the Supreme Court by the first official gathering for the campaign at Lowville, Saturday.

Children See Mother Shot; Man Kills Self

Cousin Also Wounded, as Youngsters Look On, by Enraged Foreigner Whose Love Affair Was Thwarted

Woman Expected to Die

Alleged to Have Warned Niece Assailant Had Wife and Family in Europe

The two children of Mrs. Alvina Montagna saw her shot down in their home in 358 Fourth Avenue, Hoboken, by Dominick d'Ercoli, who then killed himself. Last night, at St. Mary's Hospital, it was said Mrs. Montagna was not expected to live. D'Ercoli shot the woman because he believed she had advised his sweetheart, her niece, to have nothing more to do with him because he was married.

The niece, Miss Emma Preni, twenty-five, was also shot by D'Ercoli. A bullet pierced her right hand. She arrived in the United States from Italy about two months ago and went to live at a boarding house in 60 Adams Street, Hoboken, where D'Ercoli also resided. They had known each other in the old country. A week ago the pair quarreled and Miss Preni went to live with her aunt, who is but two years her senior.

It was shortly after noon yesterday when D'Ercoli went to Mrs. Montagna's home to see Miss Preni. He is said to have pleaded with the girl to leave there and marry him. She retorted, the police learned, that she would not marry a man who had insulted her, and informed him that she had learned he had a wife and children in Italy.

D'Ercoli denied this vehemently. When told the aunt was the source of her information, he drew a pistol and fired. The girl fell, collapsing more from fear than from the wound, and D'Ercoli, stepping over her, pursued the retreating Mrs. Montagna into her kitchen. There he fired three times. One bullet penetrated her head, another entered her neck and the third struck her in the right shoulder. The shots sounded above the screams of the woman's two small children.

Mrs. Montagna lay motionless and D'Ercoli, evidently believing he had killed her, raised the pistol to his temple and pulled the trigger twice.

When an ambulance surgeon entered the home soon afterward he was embarrassed in his work by the clamor of the two children to be allowed to accompany their unconscious mother to the hospital.

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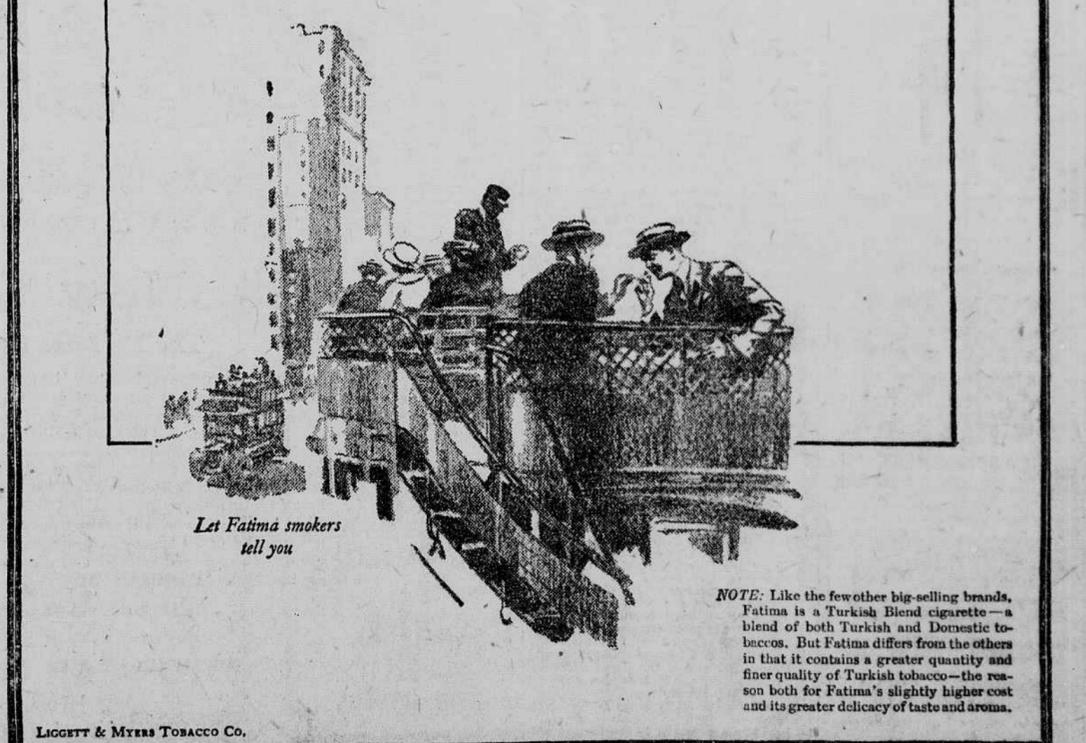
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