

THE BLACK HAND DEALT A BLOW Ten Members of Nefarious Organization Are Sent to Prison.

TRIAL LASTED EIGHT DAYS Leader Given Sixteen Years, Brother and Brother-in-Law Ten Years Each—Will Risk Middle West of Black Hand.

Toledo, O., Jan. 29.—Following conviction and sentence in Federal court this morning, ten members of a Sicilian black hand organization, were hauled this afternoon to the Federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., to serve sentences ranging from two to sixteen years.

One other, Antonio Vicario, aged 20, the youngest member of the band, was taken to the reformatory at Elmira, N. Y. Three other defendants were convicted, but granted new trials.

The defendants tried on the charge of conspiracy to use the mails to extort money from Italians living in Ohio, and Indiana, were members of an organization known as the "Society of the Banana and Faithful Friends," the headquarters of which were in Marion, Ohio.

This is the first conviction of an organized band of black hands. With this result the government officials believe that they have effectually broken up black hand operations in the middle west, and taken a long step toward putting a quietus to Mafia methods throughout the United States.

The defendants were hurried away immediately after sentence, to guard against any outbreak of which some intimation had been given. Attorneys for the principal defendants said today that they intend to file petitions in error in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals.

Heavy sentences were imposed by the court following the report of the grand jury this morning. Salvatore Lima, of Marion, the chief of the band, was sentenced to 16 years imprisonment.

HIGHWAYMEN IN GOLDSBORO Farmer Robbed of \$500—Another Victim Left in the Gutter—Police on Trail of Men With No Success.

(Special Star Telegram.) Goldsboro, N. C., Jan. 29.—The boldest robberies in the history of Goldsboro occurred tonight when three men were snatched by several masked men, who relieved them of their watches, money and everything else of any value.

The second hold-up was reported from the northern part of the city when a negro man was found in an unconscious condition by a party who happened to see him lying in the gutter and when he regained consciousness he told about the same story as Mr. Howell.

The third hold-up is reported from near the union station but at this hour full particulars cannot be learned.

It is thought by the police that the robberies were committed by one band who are beyond a doubt professionals and the boldest bunch of crooks that ever operated in this city.

The robbery caused a good deal of excitement and the entire police force is now on the trail but up to 11 o'clock no progress had been made towards landing the highwaymen.

BISHOP CYRUS D. FOSS DEAD. Suffered Stroke of Paralysis—Well Known Methodist Prelate.

Philadelphia, Jan. 29.—Bishop Cyrus D. Foss, retired, of the M. E. Church, one of the best known clergymen in the country, died at 8:40 o'clock tonight in the Hahnemann hospital from a stroke of paralysis, which seized him while riding in a trolley car on January 18th.

After he was stricken the bishop improved but he took a turn for the worse early today and became unconscious. All the members of his family were at his bedside when the end came.

Cyrus David Foss was born in Kingston, N. Y., in 1834 and was graduated from Wesleyan University 20 years later.

At the general conference of the Methodist church in 1880 he was elected a bishop. From 1880 to 1888 Bishop Foss made his home in Minneapolis.

In 1900 Bishop Foss was retired from active work. The bishop was a widower for ten years. He leaves a son and a daughter.

WARDLAW SISTERS ARRAIGNED. Plead Not Guilty in New Jersey Court. Trial in April.

New York, Jan. 29.—Miss Virginia Wardlaw, Mrs. Caroline B. Martin and Mrs. Mary Snead, charged with the murder of Mrs. Oney W. M. Snead, were arraigned in court today and pleaded not guilty.

ANOTHER CHARGE AGAINST HASKELL Republican Minority Leader in Oklahoma Legislature Brings the Count.

Department Also Involved. Mismanagement of State Funds to be Investigated by Committee—Governor Courts the Inquiry—Employment of Detectives.

Guthrie, Okla., Jan. 29.—In addition to the sworn charges filed against Governor Haskell alleging misappropriation and misuse of State funds filed today, accusations similarly attested were filed with the Legislative investigating committee against the School Land Department by Representative Humphrey, of Atoka.

It is declared that \$205,920 of the funds of the School Land Department, Ed-O Cassidy superintendent, has been misappropriated and used contrary to law. This is based on the official report of State Examiner and Inspector Taylor and opinions of Attorney General West.

Governor Haskell said tonight he was glad the charges had been filed as the people of Oklahoma at last would "have a chance to learn the whole truth."

The charges against Governor Haskell were filed today in the Lower House of the Legislature by Representative L. A. Morry, representing the Republican minority.

In general the charges against Haskell are that he mismanaged the public funds under his control in whole or in part, and has wilfully and designedly authorized the misappropriation of said funds.

The last Legislature appropriated \$2,000 to be expended under the direction of the governor in the auditing of territorial accounts in his arduous Representative Maris charged that Governor Haskell paid nearly \$2,100 of this fund to a private detective who, Maris further charges, is not an accountant.

The meat boycott situation is warming up here. With about 1,500 signers pledging abstinence from beef for 30 days, labor union men declare they will begin a house to house canvass on Monday.

With Two Co-Defendants He Leaves Washington for Tennessee. Washington, Jan. 29.—Finishing their sentence of 30 days, less the regular commutation for good behavior imposed upon them by the Supreme Court for contempt of that tribunal in connection with the lynching of the negro Johnson, Sheriff Joseph F. Shipp and his two co-defendants, Nick Nolan and Luther Williams, early this morning cast a farewell glance at the brown-stone walls of the District jail which had been between them and liberty for almost 90 days.

ARRESTED AT ROCKY MOUNT Former Young Railroad Man Wanted on Multiplicity of Charges by Southern, Coast Line and Express Company—Record.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Rocky Mount, N. C., Jan. 29.—After having baffled the police, railroad special agents and detectives over the country for more than a year, J. N. Cates, alias James N. Cates, alias J. A. Wilson, was taken in custody by the police here this morning on six warrants charging that he fraudulently secured \$1,990 from the Atlantic Coast Line, about half that amount from the Southern Railway and about \$1,000 from the Southern Express Company, by which he was employed at different times and places.

The young man had made his home here the past two months with his wife and a chambermaid at the garage of D. Bullock under the name of J. A. Wilson. Having suspected that the man wanted was here, Special Agent T. J. Watts, of the Southern Express Company came here yesterday and in cooperation with Police Officer J. M. Reams and J. S. Davis arrested Wilson at the garage this morning.

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GREAT DISTRESS ALL OVER FRANCE Thousands Driven From Their Homes by Fearful Flood of Seine.

Paris, Jan. 29.—Slowly, very slowly, the swollen waters of the Seine which reached their high mark at 2 o'clock this morning, are subsiding and at midnight the fall measured about four and a half inches—not much, but enough to bring a sense of relief to the desolated and distressed city.

The danger of some calamity such as has been predicted now seems over, although the situation seems to be critical at many points within the city, particularly in the neighborhood of St. Lazare station where the entire streets and solid blocks of buildings threaten to sink through the crust into the waters beneath.

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FORCES PREPARE TO FIGHT Second Decisive Battle Expected in Nicaragua Soon—American May Join Estrada's Army—in Battle Array.

Monteroso, Nica., Jan. 29.—(By Courier and military telegraph to Blue fields, Jan. 29.)—The second decisive battle of the insurrection, is expected to take place in the next fortnight, probably near La Libertad, according to General Mena, who joined the provisional troops here today.

The end of the week will see Generals Chamorro, Mena and Zeledon with 4,000 men facing the enemy. The season has been dry in this section and the men as a result are in good health.

The advance of the provisionals has been retarded for a week by the bad condition of the trails. There is an abundance in the ranks, even greater than that before the Recon, as it is believed that this battle will end the war.

San Juan, del Sur, Nica., Jan. 29.—Owing to the proximity of the contending forces it seems impossible that another day can pass without an engagement being fought. The reports from Bluefields that a battle already has taken place at La Libertad are not true.

Panama, Jan. 29.—During the past week several Americans have left the isthmus for Nicaragua. It is said that they have gone for the ostensible purpose of joining Estrada's army.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 29.—Condemned from his stately old colonial residence, three miles from Wake Forest College, the funeral of the late Major John Martin Crenshaw was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. W. B. Royall, D. D., officiating.

The Dunn Plover Co., Wake Forest, received a charter today with \$25,000 capital by W. B. and J. G. Dunn, W. C. and J. M. Brewer, D. E. Gill, and others for making agricultural implements and vehicles of all sorts.

General Order No. 2, issued today by General Armfield to companies of the National Guard directs all commanders to have the enlisted men perform gallery duty practices as often as possible during February, March and April.

GLAVIS' ATTACK NOW ON DENNETT Featured Concluding Day of His Testimony at the Inquiry.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Louis R. Glavis concluded his testimony before the Ballinger-Pinchot Congressional investigation committee late today. He will be recalled at the resumption of the hearing Monday afternoon for cross-examination by any of the persons against whom he has made charges.

Glavis' last day on the stand was full of interest. It developed the animus which long had existed between the land office and the forestry bureau, and the resentment the land office people felt when Glavis called in "the forestry" as they termed it.

The witness also declared that Representative McClachlin, of California, and Representative Kinkaid, of Nebraska, were interested in Alaskan claims and that Mr. Ballinger, after being commissioner of the land office had acted as attorney for Mr. Kinkaid.

Glavis asserted that Mr. Ballinger had suggested to him not to pursue an investigation against Congressman McClachlin, saying there had been "too much of that sort of thing in the past."

Glavis said he did not see Representative McClachlin. Glavis was asked the direct question if he thought Secretary Ballinger and Commissioner of the General Land Office Dennett were in league to do wrong in the Alaskan case, he replied:

"Well, I thought the cases would be better protected with them out of the way." Glavis' attack seemed to center more today upon Commissioner Dennett. He said he became convinced in the summer of 1909 that Dennett was "crooked" and took steps to secure carbon copies of letters Dennett was writing back to Washington.

Several of these letters were introduced. One of those introduced in evidence was from the Commissioner to H. H. Schwartz, chief of the field service, it was dated July 20, 1909, at Seattle, and said among other things:

"My Dear Schwartz:—The worst situation on the line is the one I find here. Our friend, Glavis, he regarded me with suspicion and after talking awhile showed me your telegram assigning the coal cases to Sheridan. Now, I figure that Glavis is preparing to make a cushion for himself to fall back on, and also putting himself in shape to have a great story in case Sheridan does not make good and succeed in cancelling the Cunningham cases."