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NEW YORK POLICE REVEAL BIG PLOT

COTSPIRACY TO KILL AND LOOT

Attempt to Destroy St. Patrick's Cathedral Comes as First Overt Act in Conspiracy to Murder Magnates and Seize Money.

New York, March 2.—The discovery of an anarchistic plot aiming at the assassination of Andrew Carnegie, Cornelius Vanderbilt, John D. Rockefeller and his son, and other wealthy magnates and the inauguration of a reign of terror and looting in New York city was announced by the police today after they had arrested a man in the act of placing two bombs in St. Patrick's cathedral, where several hundred persons were worshipping.

Today's sensational development was the culmination of months of work by detectives in uncovering a conspiracy which they declare projected a campaign of violence and bloodshed without precedent in New York. So carefully had the police worked that the anarchist was even allowed to light the fuse of one of the bombs which he carried into the cathedral. Scarcely had the bomb ignited when one of a half hundred detectives stationed in and about the church crushed the sputtering fuse under his heel and in another moment the plotter was taken into custody just as he was about to light the second destructive bomb.

Boy Under Arrest.

Frank Abarno was the name given by the man who placed the bombs in the cathedral. Later Charles Carbone, an 18-year-old boy, was arrested at his home as the actual manufacturer of the explosives. More arrests are expected. Both Abarno and Carbone late today, the police reported, admitted their part in the conspiracy, but denied that any one else was involved. When arraigned late today they were held without bail for examination Thursday.

Abarno and Carbone are said to be members of the Bresci group of anarchists in this city who take their name from Gaetano Bresci, assassin of King Humbert of Italy. According to the police, the plot was conceived early in February.

The plan of the conspirators miscarried because a young policeman, Emilio Polignani, joined in the plot as an avowed anarchist and for several weeks kept the police informed of the movements of his companions. Polignani was arrested in the cathedral today with the men who placed the bomb, but this was only in accordance with the prearranged plan of his superiors.

Helped Buy Explosives.

Polignani had no chance to make extended reports to the police, for each one of his anarchist companions was watching the others with suspicion. However, he did keep his chief informed of what was going on. When it was decided to place bombs in St. Patrick's cathedral Polignani became a part of every detail of the plot, even paying his share of the cost of the explosives.

Polignani was selected to accompany Abarno on the mission today. The two made their way to the cathedral at the time when worshippers were attending 7 o'clock mass. Already a large force of detectives had been scattered throughout the edifice. Two, disguised as scrub women, were working in the vestibule, another was disguised as an usher and many were sitting in different parts of the church.

Arriving at the cathedral, Abarno, who had just lighted a cigar, entered without a word to his companion. When left alone Polignani gave a quick signal to the two detectives in the vestibule and the sign was passed along that the man approaching the altar aisle had the bombs. Abarno slipped into a pew near the back of the church, placed a bomb under the seat and then started towards the altar. Entering another pew, he placed his second bomb and applied the lighted cigar to the fuse. Then

he started toward the rear of the church, intending to light the other bomb as he passed. It was at this moment the detectives seized him and put out the lighted fuse.

District Attorney Perkins said today that the alleged maker and placer of bombs were liable to 25 years' imprisonment and were further liable to indictment under the Sullivan concealed weapon law.

One Breaks Down.

The two men were taken to police headquarters where shortly they were joined by Carbone, who had been arrested meantime. Then the two plotters and Polignani were put through a searching examination. Through the clever replies of Polignani, who assumed the role of a surely prisoner, Abarno was led into a confession, according to the police, and later Carbone corroborated his partner's story. Abarno's story to the police was told later by officers as follows:

"I was in this job, but never in any other. I put those bombs in there. I have been told that Archbishop Corrigan and Archbishop Hughes and other big men in the church were buried under the floor of which I put the bombs, and it was my hope that the explosion would open their graves. I am a printer.

"About five years ago I began to study anarchy. That I decided, was the proper means of settling the wrongs of the poor. This was a terrible winter for the poor. Our group decided to open a campaign against the Catholic and Protestant churches, then to terrorize and perhaps destroy the homes of Rockefeller, Carnegie and some of the Vanderblits and, finally, when we had the city terrorized, to invade the banks at the head of an army of the poor and help ourselves to the boards of the rich.

"We fixed on St. Patrick's cathedral as the place to start because it is the biggest Catholic church and our demonstration there would attract so much attention. Carbone was selected to make the bombs and I bought the material up town."

"You helped him make them?" snarled Polignani.

"I helped some," admitted Abarno. Abarno insisted that he had no part in the bomb explosions of last fall in St. Patrick's cathedral and in front of St. Alphonsus' church. It was after these occurred that Police Commissioner Wood decided to make a determined effort to run those down responsible for bomb outrages. He selected Polignani to join the anarchist camp.

"The police had decided that the Bresci group of anarchists was the most dangerous in the city and Polignani joined them. So well did he act his part that he was considered one of its most fearless members. He picked Abarno and Carbone as the most dangerous spirits in the group.

ANARCHISTS HELD UNDER HEAVY BOND

New York, March 3.—The grand jury found indictments late today against Frank Abarno and Charles Carbone, the anarchists, arrested yesterday accused of having plotted to explode two dynamite bombs in St. Patrick's cathedral while several hundred worshippers were at mass. The two men were arraigned and held in \$25,000 bail each for pleading Friday.

The maximum penalty for the crime charged is 25 years in prison. Although Carbone, took no actual part in the placing of the bombs in the cathedral, it was charged that he did most of the work in manufacturing them. Abarno is accused of having carried the bombs into the church and having lighted the fuse of one of them.

When the men were arraigned Carbone said through an interpreter that he knew nothing of the bomb plot, did not make the bomb and was entirely innocent. Last night the police announced that both Carbone and Abarno had confessed to plotting to explode the bombs in the cathedral, as an initial move in the inauguration of a series of outrages in which wealthy men were to be killed and banks were to be looted.

"What was in your head when you planned the bomb?" asked the presiding judge today of Abarno.

The condition of society leaves the only thing to be done, the frightening of the rich," replied Abarno. The bomb was needed to make a change

INVITATION TO SCHOOLS OF CHESTERFIELD

Extended on Behalf of the Jefferson High School and the Citizens of Jefferson.

The following letter has been sent to all the schools in Chesterfield county:

In behalf of the Faculty, Trustees, and people of Jefferson, I wish to extend to you a cordial invitation to your school to participate in a declamation contest here to be held in the Auditorium of the high school at 8.30 o'clock, Wednesday night, March 17th, 1915.

Any bona fide pupil of any school in the county will be eligible to enter the contest. Each school will be allowed two representatives—one boy and one girl.

Two gold medals will be awarded, one to the best declaimer among the boys, and one to the best declaimer among the girls. These medals have been offered by the good citizens of Jefferson.

The principals and the teacher or teachers accompanying them will be entertained in the hospitable homes here.

In order to have programs printed for the occasion, I have placed Friday, March 12th, as the limit of time to send to me the names of the declaimers, and the teacher or teachers, who will come with them.

I hope that each of you will give us your hearty cooperation in making this a success, and in trying really to uplift the schools in our county in this particular respect.

If possible, I shall have Prof. W. H. Hand over with us as one of the judges, and who I am sure will have something good to say for us.

cooperation, and assuring you that I shall be glad to answer any other questions that may occur to any of you, I am,

Yours very truly,
R. F. ULMER.
Principal Jefferson High School.

Mr. Halcott P. Green of Columbia, has been appointed by Governor Manning as special Judge to hold the Courts of General Session and Common Pleas for York County commencing the second Monday of April.

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CAPT JAS GRAHAM SENT TO THIS STATE

DETAILED BY WAR DEPARTMENT

Naval Militia to Take Cruise and Target Practice in July

Columbia, March 2.—Capt James M. Graham, of the 19th United States infantry, who has been detailed by the war department for service with the South Carolina National Guards, is now stationed with his regiment at Galveston, Texas, and will probably reach South Carolina in about a month. He is a native of Massachusetts, and was appointed to the army from California in 1898 as a second lieutenant, being promoted to be first lieutenant in 1899 and to be a captain in 1903. He graduated from the army school in 1908 and from the Army Staff College in 1908. He is 39 years of age and has a splendid record in the army. Capt Graham succeeds Lieut James G. Boswell, now with the New Jersey militia.

The war department has called the attention of the Adjutant General's office to the fact that any unexpended balance of the appropriation for the naval militia must be turned into the treasury by May 1.

The South Carolina naval militia and the naval militia of the District of Columbia will go on board a ship at Norfolk Roads, on July 3 for a four week cruise along the coast and the Gulf of Mexico, and will practice target shooting at the target range at the Naval Academy, Annapolis, second battalion of New Jersey and Pennsylvania will go on a cruise at the same time.

The annual inspection of the militia are about half completed. Adj. Gen. Moore is inspecting the Columbia companies to-day and to-morrow. The inspections will wind up at Fort Mill on March 26 and there will be general interest in the results of the inspections. It is understood that companies found deficient will be mustered out of service and that plans for making the South Carolina National Guard efficient and effective will be put into effect following the inspections.

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ALAS, HOW TRUE.

Every town has a liar or two, a smart Alec, some pretty girls, more loafers than it needs, a woman that tattles, an old fogey the town would be better off without, men who stand on the street corners and make remarks about women, the man who laughs the idiotic laugh every time he says anything. Scores of men with the caboose of their trousers worn smooth as glass, men who can tell you just how the foreign war question ought to be settled, foretell the weather and how to run other people's business all of whom have probably made dismal failures of their own.

Names Game Warden.

Gov. Manning has appointed T. A. Burley, of Richland county, as a game warden for South Carolina.

Job Printing at right prices at The Chronicle office

OBSERVATIONS

BY OUR MAN ABOUT TOWN.

If I were in the retail business in this town, or any other town, I'd notice every customer as they came in, and whenever a child entered, that child would have my earliest possible attention. There's a pretty strong hint in this for someone, and, for his own good, we hope he gets it.

A local sportsman tells us he went hunting last week—hired a livery rig, shot away a dollar's worth of ammunition, wasted a day's time, and all he got was—back. Then his wife took twenty five cents and 10 minutes time and bought a couple of squirrels for supper.

Young man: Take that hat off of your right ear and balance it squarely on your head. Your acquaintances will like it better—as you will, yourself, after you get used to it.

If we were some of the business men in this town we feel sure we rid our place of loafers. No man, we think, means harm by "loafing," but he is injuring his loafing place, nevertheless. Women do not like going into a place filled with men, and especially if all of them are smoking, as is generally the case. The business man does not like loafing, even though he may not have the courage to say so. He appreciates a visit with anyone, whether they buy of him or not—but there's a big difference between visiting and loafing.

It always looks funny to us to see a fellow buy fifty cents worth of tobacco when he needs a dollar's worth.

Every time we hear anyone "raking" the postmaster we always feel sorry that the public cannot come to a realization of his thousand and one worries. And he's "raked" more or less every day.

The "general delivery" window we imagine, is the nightmare of every postmaster. One who has never taken the trouble to give the matter a little thought may think it strange to be told there is no mail for them, when he says no without taking time "to look to see." The probabilities are that he, or she, has looked through that box fifty times since the last mail came in. Parents, unthoughtfully permit their children to call for mail, and when this is done, the children abuse the privilege. Take a family with three or four children in school. Many times each one will call for their mail at the general delivery window—and not half an hour apart. In such cases the person waiting on the window well knows there is no mail for the family in question and he, or she is not going to look through the mail in such cases. Often, too, children loose mail. They should not be sent for it when it is possible to get it in any other way.

Older persons, too, sometimes insinuate the postmaster or clerk is disconcerted, even hinting that they think they have mail, or at least cannot understand why it isn't there for them. Mail accumulates fast, and we feel sure the postmaster and employees are glad to see it leave the postoffice as quickly as possible after receipt.

We don't think we should care to be "postmaster."

Every public dinner shows us a few more people who will insist upon eating with their knives.

We heard a man say this week that he had not written his mother a letter for more than a year—had not even heard from her in that length of time. The speaker was a man past forty years old, so his mother, you will see, has reached that age where life at best, seems empty to her.

How can a man be so unkindful? If they knew what their silence means to their mothers we do not believe there would be such men. It would be safe to assume that in all such cases, "mother" wrote the last letter that has passed between them. And then, receiving no answer to that one, she wrote again and then again.

The son who has grown to manhood now has children of his own has let time erase all memories or at least all affections for the home of his childhood. But not so with the mother

who is still in that home. Time has but increases her love for the children now scattered here and there. Her many years have taught her that making worldly goods our goal in life is a mistake. The voices of her children would now mean more to her than any wealth. Those sons, then who have been negligent, and who may not be able to visit their childhood homes, can at least write. There is absolutely no excuse for not doing so.

If the reader be one who has not written home for a year, let him send mother a letter, now.

The instance that prompted us to write this is not new, of course. I have known men, as you probably have, who claimed they had not written home for many years. All such might well make a firm resolution, right now, and stick to it after making it—resolve to let not another month of her life pass without your dear old mother receiving a cheerful, loving letter from you.

MANNING NAMES ASYLUM REGENTS

Gov. Richard I. Manning yesterday appointed the board of regents of the State Hospital for the Insane. The regents were named in accordance with the reorganization act which was passed at the last session of the general assembly by the governor after giving the matter considerable thought and attention.

The new board will be composed of the following members:

J. E. Sistrone of Greenville, R. B. Scarborough of Conway, C. Fred Williams, M. D., of Columbia, S. C. Baker, M. D., of Sumter, B. W. Seagars of Lee county.

Under the terms of the act one regent was appointed for two years, two for four years and two for six years. The term of the regents expires on the 1st of January, 1916.

Until the constitution is amended the superintendent will be appointed by the governor. The place is now held by T. J. Strait, M. D., of Lancaster.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Mrs. Lillian Preslar, who has been visiting at Tatum, S. C., has returned.

Mr. B. K. Wysinger, of Bennettsville, spent several days in the city this week.

Mrs. John Gray has resigned as head operator in the telephone office and Miss Allene Barentine, of Darlington, has taken her place.

Mr. Jack Seawell has moved to one of the Agerton cottages on Church street.

Mr. W. J. Maynard has moved to the old McLean residence, corner Market and Huger streets.

Mr. G. W. Duvall is having some extensive repairs made on his residence.

Mr. M. B. Smith is having the cottage on Market street, that was occupied by Mr. S. M. Finklea when it was badly burned, repaired.

Mrs. Pennie Crouch visited her brother, Mr. J. L. Grant, at Morven, N. C., this week.

Miss Ariminta Holcomb, who has been visiting in Camden, has returned.

\$1 a year for The Chronicle—that's all

Mr. J. C. Craig, bookkeeper at the Cheraw Wholesale Grocery for several months, died at his home on Market street, Monday night last after a very short illness. The cause of death was pneumonia. The remains were taken to his home in Lancaster on Wednesday for interment.

WHISKEY GOOD FOR DEAD MEN

Jackson, Miss., March 1.—The Mississippi supreme court today upheld the constitutionality of the May-Mot-Lewis law enacted at the last session of the legislature prohibiting the keeping of intoxicants in social clubs. In its decision the court quoted the following:

"Whiskey is a good thing in its place. There is nothing like it for preserving a man when he is dead. If you want to keep a dead man, put him in whiskey, if you want to kill a live man, put whiskey in him."