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OMB tossing in New York city dates back a matter of twelve or thirteen years, and from the first it proved so popular as a means of coercion on the part of the desperate band of criminals who reorted to its use that the police regard it as the most dangerous of all wcapons they have to face. While those who

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place and ignite these engines of death are usually criminals of the lowest order of intelligence, yet in every case the master minds directing such efforts are cunning and ingenious and often defy detection for months, or even years.

In discussing the introduction of the bomb by Black Hand operatives in New York city Joseph Petrosing, lieutenant of police and commander of the first Italian squad ever organized here, once

Unless summary and heroic action is taken to crush this type of criminal the lives of none in this city will be safe. Wherever the chance lies for extorting money these fiendish murderers will hold the threat of an exploding bomb over the heads of the persons they seek to black-mail. Let them get away with just one uch attempt and there will be no checking them.

"We can beat down the man who goes round with leaded revolvers in his pockets, and we know how to seize a iminal whom we know to be an expert wielder of the stiletto. But these devils who skulk around with bombs concealed inder their coats or innocent looking bundles and toss them into hallways, thus imperilling the lives of all who sleep within, is a new menace that we little bargained for when we undertook to wipe out the Mafia, the Black Hand and other secret societies which the criminal Italian fugitives have formed in the United States.'

A Man of Few Words.

Petrosino was a man of few words. Even his intimates never found him in what might be termed a talkative mood. What he had to say he voiced in the fewest possible words, but always in terms that left no doubt as to the speaker's sin-cerity. From the days when he first donned the uniform of a policeman Petrosino realized from the case with which Italian murderers and blackmailers could flee from their native land to enter, unchallenged, any port in the United States that trouble was in sight. He knew that with scores upon scores of well-to-do Italians prospering and enjoying lives of comfort in the big and little ies of the United States the time would come when their lawless fellow

countrymen would seek to wring from

them their hard earned savings by fair

means or foul. All these facts he com-

municated to those in authority, but none

treated his watning seriously, and to-day

New York'is paying the penalty for its

negligence in the lack of proper police

activity at a time when such depreda

tions might have been nipped in the bud

Thousands of bombs have been ex-

oloded, and each with eriminal intent, in

New York city since that day in 1902

when a clumsily fashioned infernal ma-

chine was tossed from a yard in Park

street and fell upon the sidewalk of a drug store at Park and Mulberry streets.

Little or no damage followed this abor-

tive attempt but the Italian detectives

were even more keeply alive to what it

meant than others in the department. It

was an opening wedge, and as the one

who tossed the explosive escaped detec-

tion it was only a question of time, the detectives knew, before another would be

tossed and, perhaps, with more serious

In tracing the history of the bomb in

New York city nothing impresses one

more forcibly than its evolution-the

ing of these infernal machines and their

ever increasing deadliness. Crude and

bunglesome in the earlier efforts, the

bomb of to-day is mechanically perfect

and so arranged that it can be exploded

in a dozen different ways. Once the

maker timed the moment of explosion by

the length of fuse he attached. Now the

mechanism of an alarm clock is pressed

into service so that the blast can be

timed to a second. Once these infernal

machines were likely to "hang fire," due

to climatic conditions or defective fuse.

To-day they never miss and explode with

leath dealing effect. The bombmaker

has kept step with the march of progress

just as consistently as all other mechani-

This was the problem that Petrosino and his little band of Italian detectives-

so grudgingly allotted him-had to solve.

Their progress in this direction was re-

markable when all is considered, but

when a hostile Police Commissioner un-

did with a single stroke of the pen all

that years had been required to accom-

plish, it is little wonder that bomb out-

rages so increased and mutiplied in New

York city within the last few years. The

cal geniuses who excel in their lines.

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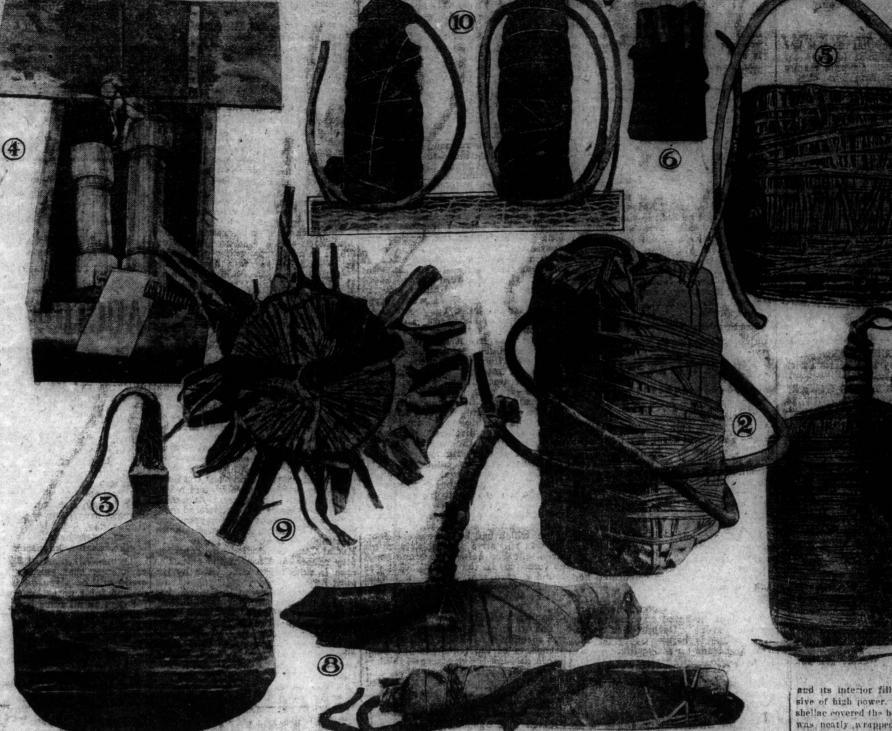
"Pumpkin Bombs."

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THE DATLY COURTER BRANTFORD CANADA

1. Chemical or chlorate bomb found at No. 714 Second avenue. 2. Gaetano Imperato was caught lighting this chemical bomb in East Eleventh street; sentenced. 3. Bomb found on Giuseppe Costabile, Black Hand bomb throwingf leader: was sent to Sing Sing for seven years. 4. Gas pipe bomb sent through mail to Jacques Frank. 5. Giovanni Rizzo was caught lighting this chemical bomb in an East Thir-teenth street tenement. 6. Four stick dynamite bomb planted under Mayor Gay-nor's window, City Hall. 7. Dynamite bomb for which Bortolo Minutello, the maker, was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary. 8. Bomb found at No. 402 East Eleventh street, composed of two sticks of dynamite, electric tape and fulminate of mercury cap. 9. Chemical or chlorate bomb taken apart by the police; 10. Two stick dynamite bomb found in the possession of Angelo Cuchiara; he received a sentence.

been stuck into him while he ing in an excavation several

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ort the explosion in the ones alvatore, and when a chatterin digmant group of Italians came i in into the police station seven tem identified Salvatore as the they had seen entering and fleein the cellar. Salvatore's convicti red and he was sent to Sing a years. rosino afterward learned that

oms by a bomb he was of several of the fingen the explosion. He was the inspector Joseph Faurot. (sint expert, identified by after death. Barry also was poisoner, and he and Salens h and worked together.

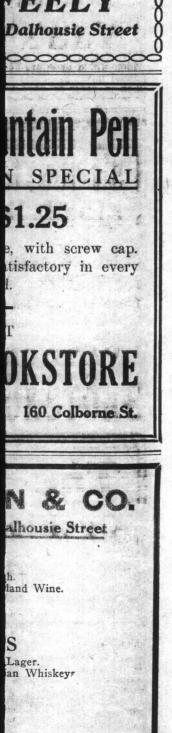
aught Red Handed.

Giuseppe Bonaventura, now Giuseppe Bonaventura, now saving term in Sing Sing, and once listing h 'House of Three Dences," in Caros street, was the lirst man captured in N York city in the act of applying a mat to the fuse of a bomb. He was cause red handed in the baliway of a teneme in East Eleventh street, where France Spinelli, an intended victim, dwelt." Three Deuces." it might be mention was later the scene of a Black H fire in which twenty-three persons their lives. their lives. Spinelli was the owner of se

Spinelli was the owner of several houses in East Eleventh streef and con-ducted a well paying contracting busi-ness. Spinelli was the recipient of many Black Hand letters, but he refused to comply with the demand of the black-mailers: He had been warned to refrain from applying to the police for proto-tion but this threat too is digreenrous. from applying to the police for protec-tion, but this threat too Le disregarded. He was warmly commended by Commis-sioner Bingham for his courageous stand and that official took a personal and keen interest in the apprehension of the Black Handers implicated. At the aug-gestion of Petrosino, Spinelli delivered a puckage of marked money at the birbar shop of one Abagniale, in East Four-teenth street. As a map in the shop

and its interior filled with some explo-sive of high power. A heavy costing of shellac covered the board and this in turn was neatly wrapped with heavy twine, <u>Another</u>, costing, of shellac, rendered it. Itsm and water tight. The wrapping on these houbs was as uniformly and heauti- ancies in the testimony of Spinelli fully done as if a machine had been court and that which he had previously

used, for not a single strand was out of told the police. place of alignment. The slavs or what-As soon as the case ended the den ever death carrying missions chasen were for money on Spinelli were resumed. At next inserted and still other coatings of the time of the raid on the barber show twine and shellac used un it it was as the police noticed that Gluseppe Orsini, compact and solid as rock. The fuse a friend of Abagniale and an habitue of repact and solid as rock. The fu made its way through an ingeniously con- the latter's shop, arrived a few mo trived passage until it led directly to the after the arrests were made. He was not explosive. One of these hombs, capable taken into custody, but a constant and of killing several nersons at close range, unrelenting watch was kept on his movecould be carried in the outer pocket of a ments. Maria Abagniale, a sister of th aborer's overcoat without attracting pn- Larber, was in love with Orsini, and abe due suspicion. too was watched. After a renewal of these threats Petro sino redoubled his efforts to capture the The first person arrested in New York Black Hand group that was persecutin Spinelli. From clews he picked up from time to time he directed his energies toward the apprehension of Bonaven-tura, who he Lad reason to believe was Barrone, and he was not only a bomb tosser for the Elack Hand but he was actively identified with the east side hand of horse poisaners who spread terror among scores of owners of valuable live stock. Saiena, or Barrone, had sent a num-her of letters accompanied by the usual demands for money under pain of death demands for money under pain of death ted Bonaventura out of sight demands for money under pain of death to a prosperous baker with a shop at No. 5 Prince street. Failing to comply with the blackmaile's demands, the baker was informed that his place would be blown up and that his death, as well as those of all employed there, would follow. The hake shop was in a basement tweive steps leading down from the sidewalk. Salema armed himself with an improved type of "pumpkin bomb" in which a number of nails scrap iron and spikes had been searmed himself with an improved type of "pumpkin bomb" in which a number of nails, scrap iron and spikes had been se-curely bound within, and spilled forth for of a man as he crouched over some object



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first setback came with the murder of Petrosino by the Black Hand in Italy. There were men in his squad, trained by his hand, who could have continued his ing them to stop any and all Italians good work, but Commissioner Waldo would not have it so. He disbanded the bundle. They were told to examine mileattered to all parts of the city. To-day Commissioner Woods is at work

tions among the honest and highly re- | went forth. In consequence new tactics spected members of their fellow countrywere employed.

Thereafter bombs were fashioned by removing the tops of olive oil caus and the The first bombs set off in New York interior thoroughly dried by baking in an oven. The can was filled with powder are what the police to-day designate as "scare bombs." When a demand for and then sealed, a hole sufficiently large noney had been made by the Black Hand being left in one end to permit the inserand the sum was not speedily forthcom tion of a fuse. Petrosino scon learned of ing blackmailers would remind the vic the new style bomb and fresh orders tim of his tardiness by exploding what is went forth concerning Italians apprenow known as a "pumpkin bomb." This hended with "oil cans." All bearing onsisted of a quantity of black powder such packages were to be brought to in a paper bag bound around by wad Headquarters for close inspection and cardboard and wrapped tight with rags. interrogation. These cans when exploded A fuse inserted in the mouth of the bag offered a greater resistance than the would be lighted and when it burned paper bomb affairs, and the effect was down to the powder the "bomb" would go far more terrifying than those of the off with a booming roar, filling the air with a pall of thick, black smoke and a earlier pattern. Then, too, they were far more dangerous, for the cans were packed pungent odor. There could be no doubt n the mind of the recipient of the Black with nails and slugs and particles of Eand demand and threat as to whom this scrap iron, and as the can burst these missiles flew in all directions. reminder was intended for. While these

Handicapped by the drastic order rela bombs were harmless in themselves the effect was sufficiently terrifying to tive to oil cans, the resourceful Black cause the person threatened to get busy and send the money demanded of him Handers alighted upon a new scheme. Why not have some one beyond the pale through the channels designated in the of suspicion and an expert in the use of explosives make the bombs? In cele-

brating their saint days Italians make a free use of fireworks, such as rockets, From the first appearance of the Greek fire and torpedoes. Members of "pumpkin bon.hs" Petrosino redoubled Mano Nero sought out the fireworks his efforts in the Italian quarter. With manufacturers and ordered numbers of difficulty he ascertained just who in the what every child knows as "giant ton building where the explosive was set off pedoes." These were innocent enough had been threatened and then, clew by in appearance until a more minute examclew, followed the lead until he discov ination was made. Then it was found ered just what group was levying blackthey, too, had been loaded with slugs. mail in that guarter. He was ignorant nails and scrap iron, and when exploded as to the character of the bomb used, alcould wreak great havoc at short range. though he concluded that "its bark had These torpedoes came in chains or links, been worse than its bite," since so little and when at last discovered by the police damage was doue. A few weeks after they became known as "Dago bologna the first attempt of this kind was made links."

his efforts were rewarded. One of these In consequence, at Petrosino's sugge rag bound bags of powder with fuse atrag bound bags of powder with fuse at- tion, a new order went forth: Look tached was found in front of a barber out for the Dago bologna link and arrest shop in West Broadway, near Houston at sight all seen carrying them." street. The fuse, dampened by rain, had Stole Dynamite from Subway. gone out and the "pumpkin" was intact

At about this time work on the city's subway began. As the work progressed The great bulk ci the "bomb" gave the and blasting became general the police an idea. An order was at once Black Handers, many of whom were employed in the excavation work, found issued to all policemen on post instructdynamite easy to procure and in it recognized the ideal explosive for the bomb Italian squad and its members were reatered to all parts of the city. To-"pumpkin homb" be found the owner contractors store houses, for in those should be arrested at once. But news days the restrictions surrounding the and one pione, perhaps, criminal Ital-ians wi. ind a firm hand ready to agony, yet he stolidly swore that the fore de was landed in his cell. He was agony, yet he stolidly swore that the fore de was landed in his cell. He was agony, yet he stolidly swore that the fore de was landed in his cell. He was agony, yet he stolidly swore that the fore de was landed in his cell. He was agony, yet he stolidly swore that the fore de was landed in his cell. He was agony, yet he stolidly swore that the fore de was landed in his cell. He was agony, yet he stolidly swore that the fore de was landed in his cell. He was agony, yet he stolidly swore that the fore de was landed in his cell. He was agony, yet he stolidly swore that the fore de was landed in his cell. He was agony, yet he stolidly swore that the fore de was landed in his cell. He was agony, yet he stolidly swore that the fore de was landed in his cell. He was



"scare" bombs, infernal machines that loose from their fastenings by such ex-wrought hundreds and thousands of dol-plosions and a new perfl was added as plosions and a new peril was added as lars of damage were set off at frequent the half clothed and frenzied tenants made their way out through the fumes of New tactics were employed in setting fast flowing gas. off these bombs, which proved how much for the fast flowing gas.

Composition of the Bombs.

more daring the operators were becom Bombs of this description were made ing. In some cases the blackmailers in desiring to the more forcibly remind a by binding three or four sticks of dynavictim that he was tardy in making his | mite tightly together with tape and sheet iron hoops. The scrap iron, nails and slugs would then be inserted and these payments would lower the "pumpkin bomb down the chimney of the tenement in turn securely bound. Sometimes house in which he lived." concrete would be poured in among the

The bomb was exploded on a leve missiles and this permitted to dry and with the floor where slept the victim and harden after the dynamite interior had his family, and as it belched forth its been ~ refully protected by a wrapping police station. of oil cloth. The greater resistance blanket of black pungent smoke to the accompaniment of an ear splitting roar their terror beggared all discription as they fled to the street. The banker, Bozzuffi, once identified with the Florio Society and latterly in the bad graces of the society, was the victi u of at least a dozen of these bomb attacks prior to the

time his son was kidnapped. The kidnapping followed when he declined to be blackmailed even by aid of these night bursting pumpkins. But with dynamite it was different.

When the bombs charged with this explosive went off it meant business. The downward course of the crash left the police in no doubt as to the character of the explosive, for dynamite's greatest force is

invariably do vnward. When these bombs concealed. Skilled mechanics were en-

he First Arrest.

city for the actual explosion of a bomb was Salvatore Salena, and his capture had its ludicrous as well as tragic side. Salena was known also by the name of

his helpers fortupately were in another

part of the huilding. Salena made his A Daring Act. way into the basement, "set" his bomb. Suddenly the lighted the fuse and was about to start for the street again when the bomb prematurely exploded. There was a blind-ing flash, a terrific roar and, almost crazed with pain, Salena bounded up the stairs to the street level and, bareheaded, sped down the street. As he turned into the Bowery he ran into the arms of a policeman who, failing to'extract a coherept explanation of the man's wild flight, took him to the Elizabeth street

Victim of Own Bomb.

offered by the hardened concrete ren-The prisoner couldn't or wouldn't exdered these bombs fay more dangerous press himself in English, so no satisfacthan any that had gone before and retory explanation could be got from him sulted in the Bureau of Combustibles getting busy and enjoining contractors as he stood before the desk of the lieuand other handlers of dynamite to place ; tenant on duty. Just then a reporter every safeguard about their storehouses , who was standing near called the atagainst the marauding groups of Italians tention of the policeman who made the employed by them. Scores of these arrest to a little pool of blood in which bombs were found and many arrests the cowering prisoner stood. The Italian was taken into a back

were made by the ever alert Petrosino and his aids.

and his aids. Once more frustrated, the Mano Nero cast about for new engines of fleath. This time they selected the chemical homb as the most deadly and the casiest concealed. Skilled mechanics were enwere exploded floors were ripped up, the ployed in the manufacture of these in fairly bristled with them. The victim gave battle before being subdued and was ceilings below torn from the laths and the fernal machines, and their handivork of his own bond was suffering intense a subject for the ambuiance surgeon be-skeeping victims buried beneath a mass of was that of an artist.

Suddenly there was a feeble flame as it flickered in the draughty hallway. It its glare Petrosino could see the man h was watching so intently apply th match to the tapelike end of a fuse. In

match to the tapelike end of a fuse. It a second he knew he had his bomb tosser, and in the very act of setting off an in-fernal machine. With a spring he landed on the back of the Black Hunder and with a free hand ssized the fuse and pinched off its sputtering end. Then followed a hastile which the de-tective later described as one of the most furious he had ever engaged in. His captive fought with all the fury of a wild beast and repeatedly the detective belabored him over head and shoulders him. As he led his prisoner out to the light of a street lamn he recognized Bonaventura, the bomb tosser he had so earnestly songht. From that moment the threats on the life of Spinelli censed. An important capture of a bomb An important capture of a bon thrower was that of Giovanni Rizzo