

ITALIAN CONVICTS SAID IT WAS CORTO

Who Engineered the Black Hand Outrage on
Dundas Road a Few Months Ago.

Trial of John Taglerino Concluded and Argument Reserved Until To-day.

The methods of the Black Hand, of which the Italians are so afraid, were fully gone into when the trial of John Taglerino was continued yesterday afternoon and some of the witnesses even acknowledged they were afraid even when under police protection. One peculiar feature of yesterday afternoon's sitting was that when Speranza walked into the box he waived aside the interpreter and said he could speak English, which he did quite fluently. At his own trial a few weeks ago he professed to be unable to understand what was said to him, and the interpreter was called. Probably at his own trial Speranza considered a little time between questions a good way in which to keep his thoughts collected. At 6 o'clock, the usual time for adjournment, the first witness for the defence was examined and His Honor Judge Snider, who was trying the case, considered it advisable to continue the case, not even adjourning long enough for luncheon. The evidence of the defence was cut down and by 7.15 it was all in. All that then remained for the morning session was the addresses of the counsel and His Honor's charge.

When the case was resumed Mr. McBrady, for the defence, drew attention to differences between statements Corto had made some time previous, which were to the effect that his railway fare was not paid, but Taglerino and his confederates promised to remunerate him for it.

The witness said his former statement was the right one.

"Well, why did you swear that Speranza gave you the money?"

"I can't remember."

Mr. McBrady asked the prisoner if his memory was good enough for him. To say what he had said at the trial of the three men who were convicted and he replied it was not.

Corto said he could not remember anything he had said in the morning, and called several of his statements of the morning mistakes.

Mr. McBrady questioned him as to whether his statement in regard to the boarding house on Cannon street, which he had claimed as his own, was correct, and he said it was not.

The witness further said when at Niagara Falls, as soon as the letter had been posted he left on the T. & N. B. train and arrived in the city about 9 o'clock.

The Toronto trip was made after the arrest of Speranza, Colombo and Wolfe, but he could not say how long. On the day of the arrest he left the Dundas road and went home. The reason he went to Toronto was because his business demanded the trip.

"What was your business?" asked Mr. McBrady.

"No matter."

"It seems so; it's my business now, and I want to know."

The witness did not answer, but said he stayed with a friend, but didn't know where the friend lived, but his name was Francis Matrella, who had since gone to Italy. It was the first time he had been in Toronto, and Rufus and his wife had stayed with him for an hour or an hour and a half. They went into a house when they left him.

"Well, your stories conflict again. You said you didn't know where they went. How did you get back to the house?"

"I was with my friend who went back to Italy."

When he separated from Rufus and his wife his friend stepped out of a store on the opposite side of the street and walked with him until it became time for him to rejoin Rufus and his wife. His friend told him the name of the street was York.

"Where did you meet Taglerino?"

"When I was going up York street." Rufus and his wife, he said, were the only ones who went with him. After he left Rufus he met Taglerino.

"Well, you swore before Magistrate Jelfs that Taglerino went to Toronto with you."

"I don't remember and can't say."

Corto said he left Rufus, his wife and Taglerino together, but rejoined them in the afternoon. After the trial of the convicts he was arrested at the request of Mrs. Taglerino, charged with stealing \$100, but was acquitted.

"When Mrs. Taglerino had you arrested, did you not threaten not only herself and her husband, but the whole family, even to the smallest child, whom you said you would follow to death?"

"I only threatened Taglerino."

"How did you threaten him?"

"I answered once and won't answer again."

Witness said on a number of occasions Speranza, Colombo and Wolfe, Taglerino and himself had meetings outside of Taglerino's house.

Ralph Rufus, the next witness, said he knew the prisoner, whom he had met on Aug. 26. At that time he was living on Sherman avenue. He identified the threatening letter, which he claimed he wrote in Toronto, on York street, between Richmond and Adelaide streets. When accosted by Taglerino he was walking with a girl. Taglerino asked him to step into a house and leave the girl outside, or, if he preferred to, he could leave her in a room. He left the girl in the room, and Taglerino led the way to another room, where he asked him to write the letter, first having taken care to lock the door. Another man was in the room, but he was later "pinched" and sentenced to six months' imprisonment. When Taglerino told him to write the letter he refused to do so, but when Taglerino put his hand in his pocket and threatened to blow his head off, he considered the best course was to write the letter. They had been there but a few minutes when Rose Bartlett opened the door and walked in. She asked him how long he was going to be, and Taglerino told her to shut her mouth. Corto was in the house when the letter was written. When he was leaving the room Taglerino threatened him with death if he told anyone of the letter writing episode. Rose Bartlett was an English girl, and could not understand Italian, so that she was unaware of what they were saying. Corto asked

Taglerino where the letter was to be posted, and Taglerino wanted it to be at Niagara Falls, but Corto suggested Buffalo. He kept boarders and Rose Bartlett was his housekeeper. Since the Police Court case he removed from Princess street to Cannon street.

"That charge was for keeping women for immoral purposes."

"You will have to stop asking that question, Mr. McBrady, you must confine yourself to my ruling," said His Honor.

Rufus said his business was that of interpreter, and he was continually interpreting for Italians. He also went to Toronto twice a week to interpret for a Toronto firm who hired foreign labor. That was the only means of support he had with the exception of the money he received from his boarders. Corto was just on a trip with him because he was a friend of his. Corto left him and Rose Bartlett at the corner of York and King streets, but they arranged to meet at the home of Peter Bingie, 37 York street. Rose Bartlett went with Corto, and he went to the Toronto Wood Production Company's office to do some interpreting. When he left the company's office he walked to the corner of York and Queen streets, where they had agreed to meet.

"You didn't meet Taglerino on the morning on which you wrote the letter then?"

"Yes."

Witness said Corto had no business in Toronto, but was only down to see how he "worked." He suggested that they have dinner.

"Where did you dine?"

"We didn't dine, as we met Taglerino."

"Where did you intend to dine?"

"At a restaurant."

"Well, did you think I expected you to dine at a stable?"

When witness, Corto and Rose Bartlett met Taglerino at Taglerino's request, he crossed the road with him, and was walking on the east side of the street.

"Did not Taglerino find you in his house on one occasion, with three girls, smoking cigarettes, and did he not order you out?"

"No."

Rufus said he knew the three men had been arrested, but Taglerino had told him they had been "pinched." He had not seen anything in the papers about it, as he could not read or write in English.

"Oh, well, you couldn't have written the translation then?" said Mr. McBrady, triumphantly.

The witness owned he had not written the translation, but was responsible for the Italian writing. Both the men in the room with him at the time the letter was written were armed with revolvers. He had written the letter according to the dictation of Taglerino.

"There was a thousand mistakes in the letter," the witness said.

"What, a thousand," remarked Mr. Brady, in surprise.

"Well, not quite."

When Rose Bartlett walked into the house Taglerino had told her to sit on a bench. Taglerino then sat down beside her, and the bench was full," he concluded.

"She pretty nearly filled the bench, and Taglerino filled the remainder, I suppose," said Mr. McBrady, and the benchers smiled.

Rose Bartlett was called, and said she was with Ralph Rufus and John Corto when they met Taglerino, and they all went into an Italian boarding house. Corto, Rufus and Taglerino then went into another room. She heard some loud talking and walked in to see how long Rufus was going to be. Taglerino told her to sit down, but she didn't take his invitation.

"What time did you arrive in Toronto?" asked Mr. McBrady.

"A little after 12 o'clock."

"Your husband says a little after 10 o'clock."

"Oh, I wouldn't be sure."

They had come back that night on the late train, she said, but had previously met Taglerino on York street. She was unaware of what passed between her husband and Taglerino as she didn't understand the Italian language.

Salvatore Sanzone, sworn, said he had been in the country for a number of years and owned a fruit store on James street north. Two Black Hand letters had been received by him.

Anthony Sanzone, a nephew of Salvatore Sanzone, said he read English, and had translated the letters for his uncle.

Salvatore Sanzone was recalled, and said he was acquainted with Corto, who had given him warning of the plot that had been arranged by Taglerino and his confederates. After receiving the letter telling him to meet the men on the Dundas road and give them the \$1,000, he had, in place of taking a load of fruit, put three detectives in the wagon.

Wolfe, Colombo and Speranza had stopped him (witness) on the Dundas road and demanded money. After he had given the money to them the detectives placed them under arrest. Taglerino was accustomed to peddle fruit in Dundas, but that made no difference as far as their relations were concerned. They had a dispute on one occasion because Taglerino was under-selling him.

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Brady contended that all that was contained in the second letter referring to the first was that Sanzone had caused the arrest of the three men.

John Taglerino, the prisoner, was then called, and said he had met Corto about three years ago on the street in front of his store. Corto had been in the habit of calling at his house to see some of his relatives who had just come out from Italy, and were boarding there. He kept a grocery and fruit store, which he had been carrying on for a number of years.

"Did you ever have any conversation with Corto in regard to Sanzone?"

"No, no, no."

Corto had not dealt, to his knowledge, at his store. Corto, Speranza, Colombo and Wolfe had not met at his place to discuss the sending of a letter, nor had they met on Cannon street. He had not authorized any of the men to send a letter to Sanzone, and knew nothing about the English speaking woman who resided on Cannon street.

"Do you write or read in either English or Italian?"

"No."

The prisoner said he had not suggested that Corto take a letter to the Falls to post, nor had he told him to take care and not let the police catch him. He was in Toronto on Sept. 14. The trip occupied two hours, from 9.30 a. m. to 11.30 a. m. He went to purchase goods at Cicci's store. After leaving the store, where he had stayed for about four hours he went back to the boat and arrived in Hamilton about 7.30 p. m. Later in the month he had again visited Toronto.

"Were you in Toronto on Sept. 10, and did you see Rufus?" asked Mr. McBrady.

"No, nor Corto either."

Witness said he had not instructed Rufus to write a letter to Sanzone on Sept. 10 or any other day; Corto didn't receive instructions from him to post a letter in Niagara Falls or Buffalo; Rose Bartlett was not in Toronto with Corto and Rufus as his knowledge, nor did he know anything about the warrant for his arrest until a friend told him, when he immediately went to the police station, but the officers there knew nothing about it. Later he was arrested. As far as his relations with Rufus were concerned they were friendly and no reason suggested itself to him why he should have made up the story.

Charles Cicci, a wholesale dealer in fruit and wines at Toronto, said Taglerino called at his store on Sept. 14 to purchase goods. He was there all afternoon and purchased a considerable quantity of provisions, the invoices of which he showed. Taglerino was in the habit of staying until it was time for him to go home.

Ernest Speranza, who was sentenced to ten years in penitentiary in connection with the Black Hand outrage, said he had resided in this city for several months. Corto had gone to his home and asked him if he wanted a job in Dundas, but he had refused to take it. Taglerino had never been present when Corto had been talking with him. He had met Corto at the corner of MacNab and Cannon streets, and it was there the scheme was suggested. Corto had visited boarders at Taglerino's.

"Corto was the head man in the trick, then he turned around and told the police," said the witness.

Corto had told him to meet Sanzone on the Dundas road and get \$1,000 which Sanzone would give him, and if he did not go he and his family would be killed. Colombo, the other convict evidence, said he had boarded at Taglerino's. His evidence was similar to that of Speranza, and he blamed Corto for the whole affair. The reason he did not refuse to do as commanded by Corto was because the Black Hand was too strong and he had not the courage to oppose it.

Mrs. Taglerino and Charles Taglerino, son of the prisoner, said Mr. Taglerino was in the habit of going to Toronto for provisions when it was necessary.

Mrs. Speranza, daughter of the prisoner, said she knew Corto, but had not seen him talking to her husband.

Donato Gliozza, Toronto, said Taglerino was in Toronto in September to get T. C. Robinette to defend him.

As that completed the evidence for the defence his honor adjourned the court.

Many a man who boasts that his religion is based on the Golden Rule gets through the world on brass.

Eating chestnuts proves that the worm will also turn it up on.

News in Brief

Wm. Murray, was elected President of the Toronto Railwaymen's Union.

George Neilson, who shot Esther Hazel, was declared insane by a Toronto Sessions jury.

James Moore, recently from Cobalt, was found dead in his room in Peter street, Toronto.

The General Conference of the Methodist Church will meet in Victoria, B. C., in August of next year.

The Cabinet has decided to let the law take its course in the case of Steffell, who will be hanged at Toronto tomorrow.

The Coroner's jury inquiring at Toronto into the death of Christo Vassi held the Canada Foundry Company responsible.

The King has approved the selection of Herbert Gladstone, the present Home Secretary, as Governor-General of South Africa.

James Waters, a well-to-do farmer of West Templeton, aged 65 years, was instantly killed yesterday while driving a team with a load of logs.

Ottawa detectives are investigating the stories of the rough usage of ex-Mayor Geo. Cox, of Ottawa, which, it is alleged, led to his illness and death on Saturday morning last.

At Bucharest, Roumania, as Premier Bratianu was about to enter his residence on Tuesday afternoon after attending Parliament, a discharged railway employee fired at him three times with a revolver. The Premier was wounded, but it is believed not seriously.

Mrs. T. H. Jessop, of Haileybury, has been arrested charged with perjury and conspiracy in connection with affairs of the Elkhart Mining Company. Mrs. Jessop, who is a well known business woman, is out on \$1,000 bail, but will come up for trial tomorrow.

Chief Naval Engineer Roggensack, of the cruiser Danzig, who had been convicted of financial irregularities, committed suicide by shooting at his home at Kiel. He had been sentenced to three months' imprisonment and dismissed from the service.

From April 1 to November 30 the total number of immigrants arriving in Canada was 150,236, as compared with 116,696 for the corresponding period last year, an increase of 29,000. The immigration via ocean ports was 78,268, an increase of 6,000, and from the United States 71,968, an increase of 68,000.

Max Heenic, a farmer fourteen miles northwest of Hanley, Sask., was found dead about 200 yards from his shack with a rope halter tied around his neck. The body was found in a kneeling position, and the case looks like suicide. He was married, and leaves two children.

Zelaya's troops were routed by the Nicaraguan revolutionists on Tuesday in a fierce battle at Rama, lasting several hours, according to advices received there this afternoon. General Estrada, in command of the revolutionary army, is reported to have been successful all along the line.

Geo. Kelsey, carpenter, of Gannanque, was acquitted by Police Magistrate Farrell at Kingston of the charge of assaulting Kathleen Stanford, a ten-year-old girl, on the evening of Nov. 25, on Wellington street. It was proved that Kelsey was working in Gannanque that day.

Two little boys under nine years of age appeared in a Montreal court on

Monday.

The identity of the murderers is also unknown, but two Provincial constables from Latchford are at the scene hunting for the fugitives, who can hardly escape, as the country is covered with bush, and the railroad is the only outlet, unless the men are well provisioned and acquainted with the district.

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\$25.00 Isabella Fox Muffs for	\$19.00	\$150.00 Mink Stoles, special	\$119.00
\$28.50 Isabella Fox Stole for	\$22.50	\$135.00 Mink Stoles, special	\$115.00
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\$22.50 Persian Lamb Muffs for	\$18.50	\$65.00 Mink Stoles, special	\$55.00
\$35.00 Persian Lamb Muffs for	\$31.50	\$37.50 Fur-lined Coats for	\$30.00
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Tuesday on a charge of stealing toys and small articles from various stores. Their story was pathetic. One of the boys stated that his mother had sent him out to steal, and had taught him how to do it. In his home over \$100 worth of goods were found.

Young Englishmen who have recently settled in the west are returning to the old land to vote, and to work for their parties in the great campaign now in progress, and many are having the whole or part of their transportation paid by the organizations.

Eastbound trains from Winnipeg were all crowded on Tuesday with the last rush of people en route home to spend Christmas. It looks as if the estimate of two million dollars to be spent by westerners in railway fares for the holidays will be under rather than over the mark.

Fire in the Central Hospital for the Insane at Jacksonville, Ill., destroyed the north wing of the building, threw the 1,500 inmates into a panic, and was responsible for the escape of a number, who are still at large. It is also possible that some of the patients perished in the flames.

The British Columbia Provincial Government has declined to advance \$75,000 for the installation of an electric light plant and equipment at Prince Rupert. The Government agreed to give favorable consideration to an application for a site at Prince Rupert for municipal buildings.

Toronto is to pay Messrs. Gooderham & Worts \$400 per acre for land in Ashbridge's Marsh covered with water and \$2,500 per acre for made land. The water lots contain a fraction over eight acres, and the total price the city is to pay therefor is \$11,146.20. This was expropriated by the city in connection with the straightening of the Don River.

Twelve Chicago aldermen left to-day for Cherry, Ill., the stricken mining town where 300 miners were entombed last month, to play Santa Claus to the hundreds of widows and orphans bereft by the St. Paul mine fire disaster. With the aldermen will go a car load of toys, candies and fruits for the children, and more substantial gifts for the mothers. More than 200 miners are still buried in the mine.

A man who gave his name as William Ellsworth, and who said that he came from Massachusetts, left the outward-bound Boston train at Montreal West, the first station out of Montreal, on Tuesday evening, and standing on the station platform, shot himself several times. The act, he stated, was prompted by a love affair. In his pocket was found a photograph bearing the words, "Miss Tovey, Hanover, Mass." He now lies in the Western Hospital in a critical condition.

FOUL MURDER.

Operator Killed at Redwood Station on the T. & N. O.

His Head Crushed in by a Blow With a Club in a Row.

North Bay, Dec. 21.—Redwater, a flag station on the T. & N. O. Railway fifty-six miles north of North Bay, was the scene of a brutal murder to-night the victim being the night operator, W. J. Dyson. The tragedy occurred about 6 o'clock, when a man entered the station and became boisterous. Dyson attempted to eject the intruder, and a fight ensued, when another man rushed in and struck young Dyson with a club, crushing his skull, and he sank to the floor, living only a short time. The murder was witnessed by a man who happened to be in the station, but he did not recognize Dyson's assailants, who quickly made their escape.

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THE SUNSHINY MAN.

BY FRED SHAEFER.

What is the use of the sunshiny man—
What does he profit the earth—
Smiling through life without any plan
Except to infect it with mirth?
No steel-clad ranks to conquest he leads,
No provinces wrings from the foe,
No ruins he leaves as proof of his deeds,
No slaves his mastery know;
No parliament trembles at his name,
He brings no kings to their knees,
He explores no poles for frenzied fame,
Nor finds new germs of disease;
No frowning creeds of cruel pomp
He preaches to the lowly,
But blithely makes of life a romp
As if happiness were holy!

Out on him, then, the sunshiny man—
The man with no purpose but song,
The ridiculous man without any plan