

WHAT THE POLICE ARE UP AGAINST

Formidable Collection of Explosives Taken in Raid on "Reds" Headquarters in N. Y.

(New York Times.)
"The most deadly and most dangerous assortment of explosives and bomb ingredients I have seen in many years," was the description given yesterday by Inspector Owen Egan, of the Bureau of Combustibles, of the quantity of TNT, the abbreviated name for trinitrotoluol, and acids and chemicals used in the manufacture of high explosives, which were seized in a secret chamber in the headquarters of the Union of Russian Workers, 138 East Fifteenth street, late Tuesday afternoon.

The raid, which had been made by Department of Justice agents and detectives of the bomb squad, under Detective Sergeant James J. Gegan, for the purpose of serving warrants on certain radicals wanted by the authorities, has furnished the investigators with valuable clues which they indicated yesterday would aid them in running down the perpetrators of the bomb explosion at Judge Nott's home last June, the infernal machine sent through the mails to prominent citizens under Gimbel Brothers' label, and other recent outrages.

Three large books of the ledger type, confiscated also from the secret room, were found to contain the names of 500 men and women of extreme radical sympathies, it was definitely learned yesterday. While officials of the police department and the department of justice were reluctant to give out any details in regard to these membership roles they made no effort to conceal the importance they placed on the finding of them. A large force of city and federal investigators, it is known, is conducting a search for the men and women whose names appear in the books. From a reliable source it was learned that several of the names are of alleged anarchists, now awaiting possible deportation at Ellis Island.

The question of whether or not the officers of the Union of Russian Workers, held by the immigration authorities, could be held responsible for the storing of the explosives and chemicals was discussed in conference yesterday by the city and federal representatives. The police admit a hesitancy to take them into custody unless evidence can be obtained that the staff had been placed in the cache in the East Fifteenth street headquarters prior to the time the officers of the organization were arrested. There is a possibility, the police point out, that comrades on the outside constructed and equipped the secret bomb laboratory since then.

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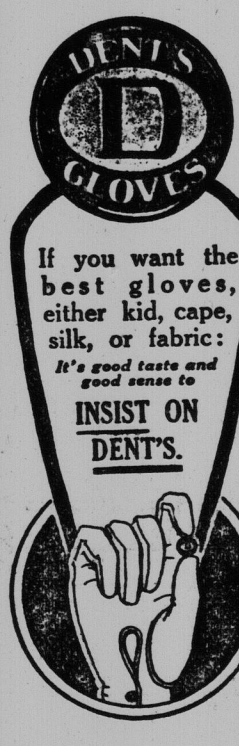
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thirty-five bottles and phials taken in the raid. They pronounced the contents of the bottles labeled muriatic acid, sulphuric acid, ammonia hydrate and glycerine sulphate as genuine. All of the other bottles and phials were found to contain the constituents of powerful bombs.

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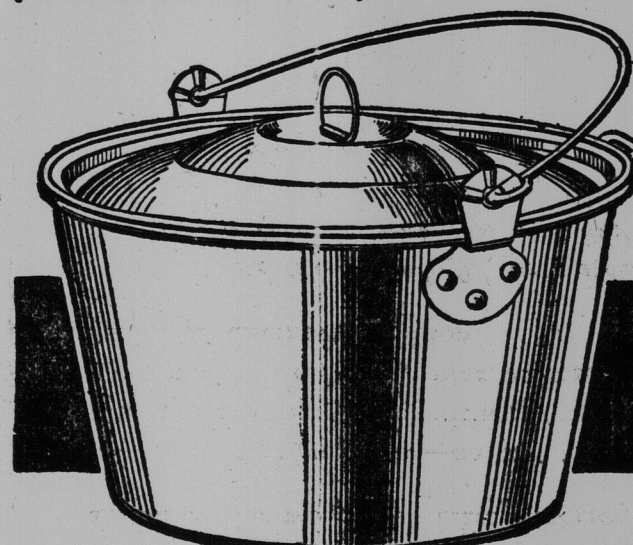
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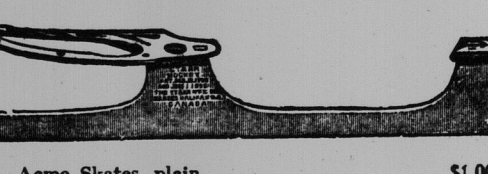
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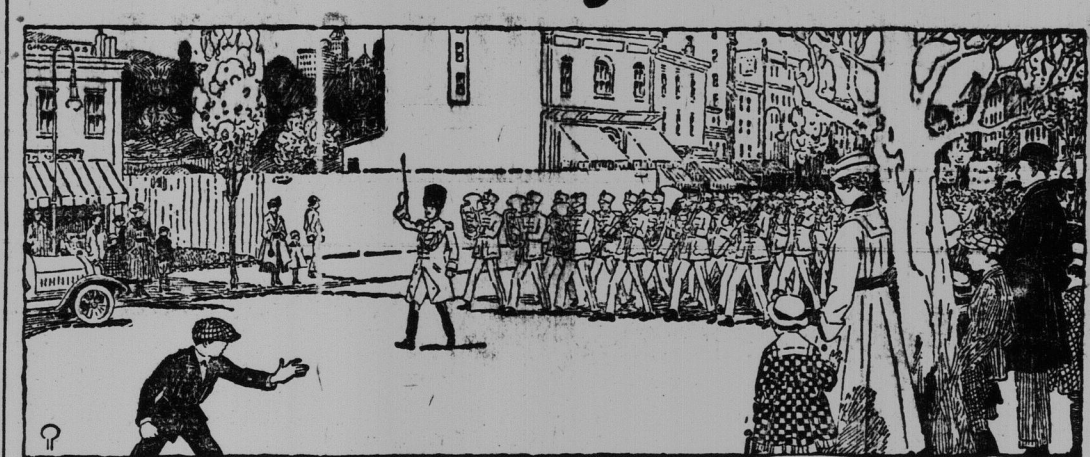
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