

CAPTORS OF KIDNAPPED BOY OUT OF HIS MIND

Four-Year-Old George Brucato Discovered by Policeman in Hallway in Remote Part of East New York.

To block the police in their efforts to get a clue to their identity the kidnapers of four-year-old George Brucato, who was set adrift in an East New York hallway last night, starved the child and in his weakened condition threatened and bulldozed him until his immature mind was in a state of collapse.

When he was returned to his parents in their home at No. 28 Stanton street, the boy moaned and wept, crying that he was hungry. For hours after he was found by Policeman Redmond in a dark hallway in Rockaway, near St. Mark's avenue, the child uttered only one word: "Eat!" He was covering in a corner of the hallway, shivering with cold and covered only with little knickerbockers and a woman's shawl.

After the boy was taken by his parents from the rooms of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children to his home, Dr. V. Buffa, of No. 206 Chryse street, was called in to minister to him. He said that the child had been scantily nourished and harshly treated. In fact the boy had been starved and tortured by his captors until his mind has become entirely incoherent and will probably never recover any exact memory of what happened to him since he was snatched up by his abductors half a block from his home on Dec. 12.

Detectives All at Sea. Detective Sergeant Petrosino was summoned before Inspector McLaughlin to-day to report on the kidnapping, but he could give little information of positive value. He said that it was singular that the boy was found in the neighborhood of the home of his uncle, Francisco Mauro.

It seems just as singular, however, that in the course of a week Petrosino and his detectives could not discover the address of the uncle and do not know if a brother of Mrs. Brucato, had quarreled with the family over their refusal to marry their daughter, Pauline, to his son, Antonio.

Petrosino says, however, that he had absolutely no reason to believe that the child's kinsman as he has called on his sister since the kidnapping and consoled with her. The detective advanced the theory that the kidnapers, having read in the paper of the family quarrel, carried the boy to the neighborhood of his uncle's home and left him there purely a blind.

The police feel certain that the recent dragnet operations against the members of the Black Hand and Camorristi, in which more than a score were arrested, is responsible for the turning loose of the boy, though they are still at a loss to account for the motive sufficient to have induced the kidnaping, considering the poverty of the Brucatos.

Woman Suspected Truth. The fact that the boy was covered with a shawl has led to the belief that a woman was employed in setting him adrift. It was several hours after Policeman Redmond found the boy that his name was identified. He could not even tell his name and it was a sudden inspiration on the part of Mrs. Howe, the matron of the Children's Society's rooms, on Schermerhorn street, Brooklyn, that led to the summoning of the Brucatos to the boy.

Mrs. Howe did not believe the child had strayed away from home. Apparently his face had been washed only a short time before and he wore a clean white T-shirt and shawl. She called Sergeant McMahon at the Liberty avenue station by telephone and told them she had every reason to believe the child had been kidnapped, drawing her conclusion from a printed description of the missing George Brucato.

Headquarters in Manhattan was called up and Capt. Halpin sent a messenger to the Italian home, Brucato, who, with his wife, was awaiting in the parlor of their dingy little tenement apartment for some possible tidings of the boy, quickly attired himself for the trip to Brooklyn and accompanied the policeman.

When he and the child returned to the Stanton street house, which is in the center of the terror-stricken east side district where there have been three murders in a short space of time and as many bomb explosions, there was a huge throng in waiting. Women and children were waiting when they saw the little victim and it was with the greatest of difficulty that he was taken to the room of his parents.

There were several policemen on hand, and the child was first questioned by Detective Henry Meyer of the Eldridge street station. He asked George whether he had spent his time and, notwithstanding the fact that the child was only four years of age, there was no reply. He appeared to be greatly frightened and simply shook his head at every interrogation save to exclaim "Eat, eat!" Father, mother and his six brothers and sisters, crowded around the child, but they were unable to get a word out of him as to his abductors or where he had been. His was too ill and nervous to reply.

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Did You Say: "Waltz Me 'Round Again'?" Easiest thing on earth—jolliest and most healthful, too—up at any of the dancing schools to be advertised in the "Instruction" columns of to-morrow's Sunday World.

John D. Rockefeller Sees the Danger of Great Wealth and Gives a Warning Tempered with Advice

THE WARNING: The American people are prodigal, and our extravagance will have to be paid for by someone. We squander our money at home and lavish our gold abroad in our travels. We cannot buy toys always. Our present pace is one that cannot be kept up. THE ADVICE: Great wealth is a great burden, a great responsibility. It invariably proves to be one of two things—either a great blessing or a great curse. We are only stewards. Those who possess great wealth should have to show that they are competent to use it properly. THE WISH: Good will to all men and gratitude to God—that, I should say, should be the Christmas sentiment for every one.

AMERICA, GREATEST OF BATTLESHIPS, COMPARED WITH OLD CONSTITUTION

Comparison chart between the USS America and the USS Constitution. America: 316' length, 12' beam, 131' draft, 201' height, 251' range, 12' penetration, 10 years to build, 40,000,000 cost, 7,000 lbs broadside, 12 inches largest gun, 334 lbs weight, 84,000 weight, 558 tons complement. Constitution: 164' length, 45' beam, 11' draft, 16' height, 14' range, 11' penetration, 1 year to build, 302,718 cost, 768 lbs broadside, 32 lbs largest gun, 15 lbs weight, 15 lbs complement.

\$1,000,000 CRASH IN "STREET" LAID TO TIGHT MONEY

Old Stock Exchange Firm of Arnold Leo & Co. Makes Assignment for Benefit of Creditors—Will Pay in Full, Assignee Believes. The suspension of the firm of Arnold Leo & Co., of the Aldrich Court Building, No. 45 Broadway, with branch offices uptown and in Harlem, was announced on the New York Stock Exchange to-day and caused some little excitement, as the liabilities were placed at between \$1,100,000 and \$1,500,000. Arnold Leo, the head of the firm, has been a member of the exchange for thirty years.

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JUSTICE KELLY REFUSES TO GRANT INJUNCTION TO PROTESTING CAPTAINS.

Justice Kelly, in the Supreme Court, to-day refused to grant an injunction restraining the Civil Service Commission from making out a new eligible list of inspectors. The injunction was sought by Capt. Formosa, Hogan, Hodgins, Gallagher and O'Connor, who were on the old eligible list, from which Commissioner Bingham refused to appoint them to any of the three inspectorship vacancies.

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Store Open Until 10 P.M. Announcing a Sale of Men's \$12.98 Blanket Bath Robes at \$8.98.

It is a very comprehensive assortment that we present for you to select from. Every Robe to it is well worth while buying for a gift. They are made of Australian wool blanket, up to superior manner. The colorings and designs of the materials are widely varied.

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DIED. GREEN.—On Thursday, Dec. 20, 1906, at his residence, 122 Livingston St., Brooklyn, SAMUEL WORCESTER GREEN, in his 85th year.

Religious Notices. REVEREND H. WILLIAMS, of the Holy Cross, will preach in St. Catherine's Church, 7th Av. and 80th St., Sunday at 11 A.M.