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To the Chief of Police:, milwad bee, Wes., The slayers in the murder committee at Jackson + Lyon Sto. have been living at 764 Van Buren St alone harber shop. I have every reason to Calieve they are still there. Very sincerely, a Ceitigen.

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February 18th 1926

Henry McCrory

Captain of Detectives

Sir:

On February 17th, at 6.49 P. M., some person reported over the phone that two men shot a man on Jackson and Lyon I dispatched the Ambulance and I sent Detectives Tehan, Prohaska and Philipp to the scene. A Minute later I went myself, with Detectives Fallon and Buetow. ing there we found Albert Speciale, a twenty-four year old, single. Italian, lyong on the sidewalk, in front of 736 -Jackson Street. with numerous bullet holes through his head and body. Five discharged bullets that had pierced the body were picked up by Detective Tehan. They are bullets of a thirty-eight calibre automatic revolver. deceased lived at 750 Jackson Street, in the upper flat, together with his cousin, Bartolo Amato. Bartolo was found at 175 Lyon Street and questioned. He stated that his cousin had left his store on Lyon Street about five minutes before, and had gone to the grocery store of Theresa Corso ging ale at 731 Jackson Street to buy a loaf of bread. He didn't see him any more alive. At the grocery store I learned that after purchasing a loaf of bread. Speciale walked diagonally to the opposite side of the street, in a northerly direction.

Carmella Scaffidi, a fourteen year old newsboy, living at 166 Pleasant Street, stated that he was in front

of 733 Jackson Street, sealing papers, when Speciale left the grocery. At that time he noticed two Italians standing on the northesst corner of the intersection of Jackson and Lyon Streets. He saw these two men go north at the time Speciale left the store, and met him in front of 736-Jackson Street. He also noticed that both men fired very rapidly into the body of Speciale, - then turned around and walked to the southwest corner of Lyon and Jackson, west to the alley and south into the alley. He described these men No. 1. 5 ft 6 or 7 in tall, gray overcoat and dark cap. No. 2. 5 ft 4 or 5 in tall, a gray overcoat and a dark cap. A better description he could not give. Franklin Johnson, a ten year old newsboy, was standing in front of 731 Jackson Street at the time of the shooting. He also noticed these two men, apparently in a wait, on the north-at the maid and east corner of Jackson and Lyon Street, and when Speciale left the store, saw and heard the shooting.

The body was taken to the Emergency Hospital in Ambulance No 1. Speciale had no weapon on his person, and his pockets contained one five dollar bill.

The tracks of the two men were plainly visible, crossing Lyon St., and on Lyon St., as far as the alley. They were also visible in the alley, going in a southerly direction for about thirty or forty feet, and after that nothing could be seen any more.

The houses in the immediate neighborhood were all searched, and I only found Italians whom I knew, and who would give a reasonably satisfactory account of themselves for the past

hour or so.

The residence of Speciale was searched by Detectives

Philipp and Tehan. They found about thirty five gallons of

raw alcohol, and about three cases of synthetic Three Star

Hennessey, - some labels, bottle covers and bottle trimmings.

All these articles were confiscated and taken to the Police

Station in Patrol Wagon No 1.

Captain McCrory and Sergeant English ordered all rail-way depots covered by Officers, who had been given a description of the two men. The highways leading out of the city were covered by Motorcycle Officers. The various dispatchers on the electric and steam **skip** lines, leaving the city, were notified and given a description. Police Departments in all cities as far south as Chicago, Beloit, Madison, Kenosha, and Port Washington and Sheboygan were notified. The Western Union Postal Telegraph Offices were also notified.

Bartolo Amato was taken to the Station and questioned by Captain McCrory lenghthily. Nothing could be learned from him, however, and he was released, with orders to appear the following morning at the Station.

Rocco Spinetta, 750 Jackson St., Speciale's landlord, stated that Speciale had rended his flat in September, last year, at forty-five dollars a month, the day he arrived from Italy. He had, living with him, his cousin, Amato, and until very recently, a woman. Spinetta doesn't know who this woman is. Amato stated that this woman was his cousin's sister-in-law, and that she was living there, together with her husband,

a brother of Albert Speciale; and that they moved about ten days ago to the City of New York.

In the drawer in the bedroom of Speciale, I found an envelope addressed to Antonio Morici at Chicago, Illinois. He is one of the two wealthy brothers who was recently killed there.

Specialle had worked for three months for Sherman Bros., Tailors, on Van Buren Street, as a coat maker, and in the last month he worked occassionally for an Italian by the name of Joseph Lafatto, who is a tailor, and running a shop, making Firemen's uniforms, on the corner of Warren and Brady Street. According to Amato, only recently did Speciale start in the business of bootlegging.

Mrs Spine ta was questioned as to what she knew, and merely shrugged her shoulders and said that she did not know anything about him and that she had not been home all day. The two children of Spine ta will be interviewed at the Cass Street School today.

Respectfully,

Detective Sergeant.

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February 18th 1926

Henry McCrory

Capt of Detectives

Sir:

David Kuehn, a taxi driver for the Yellow Cab Company, reported at eleven o'clock in the evening of February 17th, that he picked up two Italians at 7.15 P. M., on West Water and Grand Avenue, who requested him to take them to the Union Depot. When he started off, they made another demand to be first taken to a Western Union Office. They said that they had to make a train to Chicago at 7.30 P. M.

I checked up with Mr Arthur Haberstrom at the Western Union Office, and he did not remember any Italians sending a telegram during the night. A check-up at the Union Depot revealed that there is no train at 7.30 P. M. There is a train at 6.40 and 8.20, and no Italains boarded either train for Chicago on that night.

Jack Spinetto, Second Grade A, at the Cass Street School, was interviewed at Principal Boyce's Office, this afternoon, and he stated that Speciale lived in his father's upper flat with a bad woman, and that about four weeks ago they heard a row upstairs, and after that they didn't see the woman any more.

Mrs Sam Marturano, 730 Jackson St., formerly Mrs Nicola Marino, stated, today, that Albert Speciale, at the time he arrived in this country on September 6, 1925, had a woman with him, who is known to her as fina Marino. This, however, is her maiden name. She knows that this girl married a man from Porticello, Sicily, but she does not know the name of her husband. He limved with

this woman as man and wife. She had information that some time around Christmas the husband of this woman, who lived in New York City, heard that his wife was in this city, and that he communicated with her, and that after this communication she left to reside with him in New York. Whether she went there or not, she does not know. The girl, before leaving, stated that she was going back to the old country.

Vito Marino, a brother of this woman, who lives at 421 Jackson Street, Room 9, and is employed as a barber by Carlo Mazza, at 318 Jefferson Street, stated that his sister was brought here by Speciale during December of the past year, and that she and he lived with him at 750 Jackson Street. That about Christmas she heard from her husband, Liberio Portero, and after that disappeared, saying she was going to live with the husband in New York City. He has not heard from his sister since then, and does not know where the husband resides, nor is he able to give a description of him. I searched his room for letters and found none.

During the afternoon I went to interviewed Mr----, at ----Street, and found Carlo Dragotta, the druggist the Lyon Drug
Store, Van Buren and Lyon Streets, in a conversation with Mr.---I asked Mr ----- whether Speciale had ever done any business with
him, and he said that about three days ago he came to his place of
business and asked for for a large appearing business transaction.
He told him at that time that he intended to do business on a big
scale with Morici Brothers and the Catalano Brothers, in this city,
and other big wholesale houses, in olive oil, tomato sauce and tuna
fish. I asked him what he had learned about the murder, and he said
he was just receiving the information from Carlo Dragotta, and ask-

ed me to return somewhat later. About two hours later I saw Mr----, at his private office again, and under the promise of strict secrecy and absolute confidence, he stated to me as follows:

"Speciale has a wife and two children at Bagheria, Province of Palermo, Sicily.""Besides that he was keeping a flirtation with a Mrs L. Portero in the neighboring city of Porticello.""When friends objected and took a threatening attitude. Speciale fled to Spain some time in August of 1925, together with the wife of Portero, her maxiden name being Gina Marino.""Both of them landed in Milwaukee on September 7th, 1925, and lived as man and wife at 750 Jackson Street". "The husband, who was separated from Gina, worked as a tailor in the City of New York, and heard about Gina and her relations with Alberto Speciale." "He sent word to her to join him, and threats were made to Speciale by friends of Portero". "Consequently, Gina left Milwaukee, obviously to go to join her husband in New York". "Whether she did is at the present time unknown". "The husband is supposed to have been here together with another man on the afternoon of February 17th, and to have come to the Lyon Drug Store, where he had a talk with Dragotta.""He saw Speciale standing in the doorway of Wallone's Hop Store at 170 -Lyon Street, and both men went out". "Shortly after that Dragotta heard some shooting". "Speciale was picked up dead". "The husband and the other man were not seen again".

Mr---- will keep in touch with me and transmit whatever information he may receive.

During the time that Vito Marino was interviewed at the Police Station, I received a telephone call from G. B. Guardalabene, who

stated not to pay any attention to what Marino was saying, as he was feeble minded, and that he did not know what he was talking about. Knowing Guardalabene as well as I do, I construed this conversation just to the contrary.

In the evening of February 18th, a special delivery letter was received at the Station, which stated that the murderers of Speciale could be found above the barber shop at 764 Van Buren Street. Detective Sergeant English and Detectives Kuhfeldt, Carlson, Helz, Grobner and Kuczkowski made a search of the premises and found two stills, one cooler, fifteen gallons of mash. The stills were not in operation; they were confiscated. A report of this matter is made by Detective Riekkoff.

Letters found in the room of Speciale were confiscated and are being translated by Mike Vitucci. A telegram found in a dresser drawer in Speciale's room reads as follows:

New York, N. Y., December 6, 1925. Alberto Speciale, 750 - Jackson Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. "Escape very suddenly, change your residence quickly, send Gina to another part, otherwise you will be destroyed". "Telegraph to"---- (signed) "Santo Mario".

Respectfully,

Detective-Sergeant.

Freb 19th 1976.

Sh. Mc Crory Capt.

Harold Gaulitz, 1180 So. Pierce St, a Boiler maker helper at West Milwanker Shoper, works from 1100 P.M. to 700 A.M. was a witness to the Italian shooting on 2/17/26. The Police did not get his name at the time,

> Your Respect July, Clayd Mic Guin Lieux.

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To Harry M. - Crory

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Wanted by Milwaukee police since last November for the murder of Paul Honkavaara, Charles Bunworth, Chicago gangster, bootlegger and hijacker, was shot and killed yesterday by police of Cicero, Ill.

Had Stolen Car. Bunworth, who has been implicated in a score of killings in Chicago, according to police, drove a stolen automobile against a telephone pole in front of a Cicero garage, breaking a wheel A garage man, while repairing the car, noticed a gun in Bunworth's pocket and notified police.

As Officers Joseph Grzeshowiak and Edward Villam entered the garrage, Bunworth started firing. Grzeshowiak fell, wounded in the leg, Villam dropped with a bullet in the stomach

in the stomach.

Had Killed Banker.

Bunworth, who, Milwaukee police learned, was the man who shor Honkayaara Nov. 13 in his garage in the rear of 541 3rd St., a year ago was paroled from Joliet, Ill., prison, where he was serving a life sentence for murder of a banker during a holdup.

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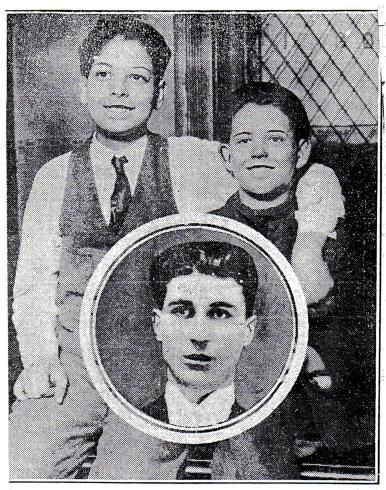
The death yesterday at Cicero, Ill., of Charles Bunworth, notorious bootlegger and hijacker, shown above, revealed that he has been sought for months by Milwaukee police for the murder of Paul Honkavaara last November. He is also suspected of having been involved in the murder last week at Jackson and Lyon Sts., of Albert

BEREAVED BY ASSASSINS' BULLETS

ciali told his wife and children when he left Sicily four months ago. He won't. A volley of automotic bullets ended his life

Wednesday night on a street here. A cable bore the news yesterday to the widow, Mrs. Luncrezia Speciali (below). The children are Rocco and Innocenta.





Witness Slaying

Albert Speciali, 34 (center), a Sicilian immigrant, was murdered Wedesday night at Jackson and Lyon-sts by two unidentifed assailants. he shooting occurred in full view of the two boys shown above. They c Carmelo Scaffidi, 13, of 166 Pleasant-st (left), and Franklin Johnson, of 726 Jackson-st (right).

LEAD TO ROME OF MEN ARRESTED ON LIQUOR CHARGE

Footprints in the snow, leading from the place where Alberto Speciale, 34, scion of a wealthy family in Italy, was ambushed and murdered last night by two gunmen at Lyon and Jackson sts., to the home of a man arrested and fined in district court as a bootlegger, furnished the police a clew today which

they hope may result in the capture of his slayers.

The bootlegger, in the company of several friends, was seen shortly before the murder riding in an automobile toward the scene of the crime, according to word received by the police.

The suspect, who is now under surveillance, may have borne a grudge against Speciale as a result of a liquor transaction or he may have believed Speciale tipped off his operations to the police and caused his arrest, authorities say.

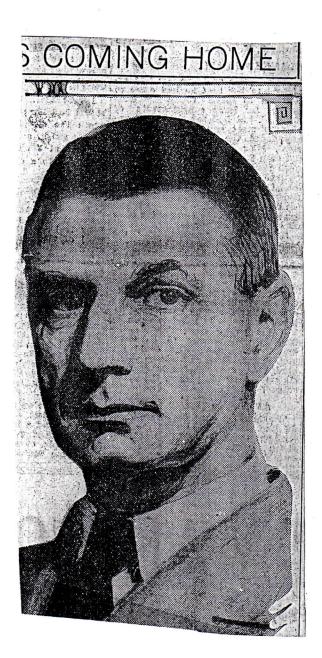
Several other theories are being considered in the hunt for the slayers. On the basis of information uncovered, the police believe it possible

Speciale was slain in reprisal for the dual murder in Chicago three weeks ago of Antonio and Frank Morici, wealthy macaroni manufacturers, for whose deaths he was believed responsible.

Or, that Speciale was a friend of (Turn to Page 2, Column 2.)



ALBERTO SPECIALE.



Revenge Över Double Killing Is Held Motive

Sicilian Shot Down by Pair in Hiding as Sequel to Chicago Merchants' Death

The names and addresses of two wealthy Chicago Italians who were slain three weeks ago were found on a slip of paper in the pocket of Albert Speciali, 34, a Sicilian immigrant, who was shot and killed Wednesday night at Lyon and Jackson-

This discovery has led police here to believe Speciali may have been imported from Sicily to kill the Chicago men and was sought out and slain in revenge by their friends. The opposite theory also has been advanced that Speciali may have been a friend of the Chicago victims and was murdered by the same men who killed them.

The names and addresses on the slip of paper are those of Antonio and Augustino Morici, who conducted a wholesale grocery business at 622 Washington-blyd, Chicago. The slip of paper was folded and worn and soiled as if it had been carried some time.

Brothers Killed in January

The Morici brothers were killed Jan. 27 about 6:45 p. m. They had left their place of business and were driving home. Another automobile drew up alongside them at Ogden and Lincoln avs, Chicago, and a volley of shots was discharged which killed both of them.

Two attempts had been made on the brothers' lives several years ago because they had violated the unwritten Sicilian law by going to the police with information about an attempted extortion. The information led to the arrest of two extortioners. The two unsuccessful attempts to murder the Moricis were followed by a long period of quietude which was broken when they were slain.

Speciali was slain a few paces from a store at Lyon and Jacksonsts about 6:30 p. m. Two men stepped from behind a fence just as he passed. One shot him with a pistol and then leaned over the body and pumped four more bullets into his head. The other man, according to two schoolboys who witnessed the murder, appeared to be a lookout for the actual murderer.

Shot by Young Men

Franklin Johnson, 10, of 726 Jackson st. and Carmelo Scaffidi, 13, of 166 Pleasant st, were the only witnesses to the shooting. Franklin had just left his home and was walking to the Milwaukee Boys'club. Carmelo was walking along

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more than 30, fairly well dressed, and wearing caps.

Speciali had gone to the store and was on his way home when the shooting occurred. He never saw his murderers, according to the boys' stories, for the two men stepped out after he had passed and shot him from behind.

Forty gallons of alcohol in bulk and 30 quarts of alcohol in Three Star Hennessy bottles were found at 750 Jackson st, where Speciali had lived with his cousin, Bartolo Di-Mato, 36, since he came to this country about four months ago. DiMato was held by police for questioning.

The discovery of such a quantity of illicit liquor led police to believe Speciali might have been another victim of hijackers, like Paul Honkavaara, who was slain some months ago in a row over liquor. DiMato, however, denied that either Special or he had engaged in selling liquor.

Sailed From Italy

The cousin said Speciali had no enemies of whom he knew. When he told police, however, that Speciali had not come here direct from Sicily but had obtained a passport for Spain and had sailed from Spain for the United States, police arrived at another theory, the possibility that Speciali might have fled Italy to escape the death which found him here. Speciali left a wife and two children in Sicily. He worked here for a tailoring company.

Speciali worked in the tailor shop of Joseph LaFata, 206 Warren-av. He was not employed by LaFata, but worked for himself. LaFata said Speciali had been working in his shop about-three weeks. He could not remember whether the Sicilian began to use the shop before Jan. 27 or not. Jan. 27 was the date of the shooting in Chicago. LaFata said that after Speciali started to use the shop he was at work every day until Thursday.

DEATH NOTE CLEW

Professional killers in the employ of a Chicago Silician rum running ring murdered Alberto Speciale, 34, who was ambushed and shot to death by two gunmen at Lyon and Jackson sts., Wednesday night,

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Speciale paid with his life when he refused to join the Chicago "alcohol society" and live up to their rules one of which called for the payment of \$5,000 to the ring.

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Dieden after a number of letters, written in Italian to Speciale and found in his effects, had been interpreted. They show unquestionably, Sergt. Dieden declared, that Speciale had been warned that he would be slain, unless he complied with the band's demands.

Aside from a \$5,000 payment, the band demanded 75 per cent of the proceeds Speciale might realize

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from alcohol purchased from it, Sergt. Dieden declared. One letter, signed by a widely known Chicago gang leader and bootlegger, warned Speciale, according to the detective, that unless he agreed to pay over 75 per cent of his proceeds, "your body will be hacked to pieces and rolled in the sand."

Another letter, signed by another Chicago rum runner, and dated Feb. 12 a few days before the murder, reads:

"Either join the alcohol society at once and pay the initiation fee of \$5,000 and comply with other rules or quit the alcohol business entirely."

The police are convinced that hired gunnen murdered Speciale after he had either ignored the demand of the ring, or had written a defiant letter refusing to comply with their request.

Acting on an anonymous telephone tip that Speciale's murderers were hiding in a basement at 764 Van Buren st., a squad of detectives raided the place last night. They found Charles Frankino attending to the operation of two thirty gallon stills, but no one was in hiding there.

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sufficient money to bring them to America. Whether he had any enemies in his native land is not known. Police are investigating a report that Speciali did not come direct to Milwaukee, but went to Spain, waiting until he could obtain admission to this country under the alien quota regulations.

While they are not overlooking the possibility that the slain man may have been a victim of the Mafia society, the police are practically certain that Speciali was killed as a result of his bootlegging activities, possibly because he was encroaching upon the territory of other bootleggers or because he may have been a member of a hijacking gang.

Damato's statements indicated to investigators that Speciali was a member of a hijacking gang. De-tectives are attempting to learn whether any bootleg cargo was stolen Sunday or on the days preceding.

"KNEW THEIR MAN."

Damato was released after he had been questioned by the police. In addition to the meager details he gave regarding the life of his cousin and his activities here, he told of finding the body on the sidewalk when the shouts of neighbors brought him out of his store at 179 Lyon street.

He expressed no fear for his own safety and declared he does not believe the slayers mistook his cousin

"They knew before they fired the shots that they had the man they were looking for," he said.

DOWN ITALIAN FROM AMBUSH

Two Pump Bullets Into Head as He Lies in Street.

Guns barked again last night in the war between Milwaukee's bootleggers and hijackers and claimed another victim, the second within three months.

Two killers, armed with .38 caliber automatics, early last night lurked in the shadows at the corner of Jackson and Lyon streets until their victim, Albert Sbeciali, 34, walked by them. Then they pumped seven steel jacketed bullets through his head, six of which were fired after the man had dropped to the sidewalk,

SCENT BOOTLEG WAR.

After police had removed thirtyfive gallons of alcohol and three cases of synthetic "Three Star Hennessey" from Sbeciali's home, detectives immediately began an investigation to determine / whether the death of Sbeciali was the one promised by bootleggers at the time Paul Honkavaara, the "bootlegger de luxe," was slain by hijackers.

Last night's slaying was one of the most cold blooded killings ever recorded here. Sbeciali was killed without an inkling that death was upon him. He left his cousin's home at 750 Jackson street, where he lived, to go to a corner grocery store for a loaf of bread. He was returning when he was ambushed and slain.

Speciali had crossed Lyon street going north on Jackson street, when his assailants attacked him. The first shot sent him sprawling on his face. Then they leaned over him and together they fired six more bullets into his head.

FLEE INTO DARK ALLEY.

Fleeing south on Jackson street, they disappeared into an alley before a description of them had been obtained. A vague description furnished police indicated that one was about five feet four inches tall and the other about five feet seven inches tall, and that each wore a dark gray overcoat and dark cap.

Two newsboys witnessed the murder, each from a different angle. But both told the same story. did not realize a murder had been committed, but thought the men were "having some fun with fire-crackers." As a result it was almost ten minutes before police were notified of the slaving.

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was a firecracker and that the men were just having some fun."

TELLS OF COOL SLAYING.

The story of Carmello Scaffidl, 166. Pleasant street, the other newsie, was similar to that told by young Johnson, except that he told the story of the manner in which the killers leaned over their victim to make certain that Speciali would never reveal their identity.

Confronting the usual obstacles thrown in their paths in the investily gations of Italian murders—the reluctance of other Italians to reveal anything of importance—police are up against a stone wall. Detective Sergeant Louis Dieden brought Sbeciali's cousin, Bartolo Damato, to headquarters, but Damato said he could tell them nothing.

Damato disclaimed ownership of the alcohol and the synthetic liquor. He said his cousin bought it a few days ago. He declared he didn't know where it was purchased, that he had no knowledge of any bootlegging activities on the part of Sbeciali. Damato said he didn't know what Sbeciali was doing while not working in a Brady street tailor shop.

WIFE, CHILDREN IN ITALY.

Speciali, Damato said, came to Milwaukee about four months ago from Italy, leaving his wife and two children there. He intended to earn

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LETTERS GIVE

CLEWS IN TWO OTHER DEATHS

Slain Man Was Hired Assassin of Gang, Say Police.

In the belief that Albert Speciali, Sicilian war hero, shot to death here Wednesday night, was the victim of a Chicago murder ring, which first used him as a tool and then decreed his death, police started an investigation last night which is expected to lead to the heads of the organization of killers.

Letters found among Speciali's effects, after he had been shot to death by two gunmen at Lyon and Jackson streets, promise to give important clews to the identity of the men who pronounced his death sentence, as well as those who carried it out.

TIP BRINGS STILL RAID.

The investigation took an exciting turn last night when the police were sent out on a tip that the two slayers were hiding in a basement room at 764 Van Buren street.

Detective Sergeant Walter English led a squad of picked detectives to the address and burst in upon a man presiding over the operations of two thirty-gallon stills.

The man was Charles Frankino. The police said a warrant will be asked today, alleging violation of the liquor law. The stills and fifteen barrels of mash were confiscated by the police party, which included Detectives Robert Riekkoff, Albert Koehler, John Hoeltz and Ray Carlson.

CHICAGO NAMES GIVEN.

Frankino, under severe questioning denied any connection with the Speciali slaying and said he had not harbored the hunted gangsters.

Despite the unexpected result of the "tip," given in a mysterious telephone call, police believe it is worth further study.

The theory of the slaying ring was evolved after perusal of papers found in Speciali's effects bearing the names of Antonio and Augustino Morici, Chicago wholesale grocers, who were slain on Jan 27 much as Speciali was killed Wednesday night.

The Morici brothers were Sicilians from the same part of the Italian island as Speciali.

Other information received by the

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ing business and employed about 100 men.

Miss Angeline Marino, a cousin of the slain man, who lives at Jackson and Lyon streets, said he came to America to make contracts for delivery of olive oil to importers, but had been unable to make a success and had abandoned the idea.

The murdered man was well educated, it was learned, having attended several schools in Italy before serving in the allies.

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Miss Marino said yesterda that, following the arrival of her cousin in this country, he disappeared for several months and was not seen until he came to Milwaukee recently and obtained work as a tailor.

Police learned that Speciall left a wife and two children in Sicily waiting for him to send for them. Letters found on the slain man indicated he expected to send for his family within a short time.

His wife is said to be a beautiful woman, highly educated.

Legion of Honor, for bravery durling the world war.

He came to America four months ago, following an urgent summons from friends he trusted on this side and who were aware of his daring.

DECLARED A *TOOL.

As he had only been here four months, the police do not believe he would have had time to form connections with a rum ring. Neither do they entirely credit the report that thirty-five gallons of alcohol found in the basement of the home here where Speciali roomed belonged

to him.

Inquiry has disclosed that, among those with access to the basement is a Sicilian who is a former saloon keeper here, and who is known to have been involved in rum dealings.

Speciali, it is believed, was used as a tool by men who, were better acquainted with gang formalities in this country and who were able to mislead him for their own purposes.

When Speciali found out the truth of the matter, the police think, he threatened to divulge the secrets of the murder ring. He was then killed to "shut his mouth."

WAS WELL EDUCATED.

Other information in the hands of investigators affirms recent Chicago revelations which place Milwaukce as an important link in the Sicilian gang murders which have been sweeping the other city.

Police tracing Speciali learned vesterday that he came from a wealthy and highly respected family of Bughliers, Sicily. Before coming to this country he was engaged with his father in the tuna fish experi-

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J.G. LAUBENHEIMER, CHIEF

February 27 1926

Detective Sergeant Louis Dieden c/o Detective Bureau Police Headquarters New York City

Dear Louis:

Herewith please find descriptions of jewelry obtained by Maglio by check larceny from Louis Esser Company, which he may have in his possession at the present time.

You no doubt know Charles Bunworth, who was wanted here for Murder in the Honkavaara case, was shot and killed in Chicago by the police in a shooting fracas.

I have given Biersach the information you furnished me, but up to the present time have heard very little from him.

We are still working on your friend, Albert Trzebiatowski, and are about as far away from him as we were eight days ago. Fallon, who was in Chicago during the past week on this case, came back today but was unable to obtain any information there. Wesolowski and Shenar have been making the northern part of the state but have been unsuccessful.

I hope that at least you will have a little luck in the murder case there. If not, I guess we can all quit and get a new job. Good luck to you!

Yours very truly,

Lieutenant Jno Bauschek

Bureau of Identification

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PS I am forwarding the corrected requisition papers to Albany tonight, and you will no doubt receive them a day or so after the receipt of this letter.

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Louis Esser Co. Jewelers, Milwaukee

III Wisconsin Street,

October 5, 1925

One two stone emerald cut diamond and sapphire ring. Two large center stones weighing about two carats each; fifty-two small diamonds on the side of the ring and bordering the sides of the two large center stones. The ring also had a row of sapphires between the two center stones.

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Louis Esser Co. Jewelers, Milwaukee

III Wisconsin Street,

February 27, 1926

Platinum O. F. Watch enameled border Tuchon movement, 19 jewel case #15542

W1/156 scratch number in back of case.

One scarf pin round in shape, large pink fresh water pearl center surrounded with four diamonds and olivines. D6/257 scratch number on back of pin.

One platinum diamond fancy ring, large stone center set in diamond shaped bezel. Forty-six small diamonds,

D1/350 scratch number.

One platinum waldemar chain short links set with pearls.

J12/661 scratch number

One Flatinum and gold waldemar chain, long links, alternating gold and platinum links

J12/1142 scratch number

One pocket knife engine turned design, platinum inlay on gold

J17/1356 scratch number.

Louis Esser Co. Jewelers, Milwaukee

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October 2, 1925

/000 Platinum and Diamond Ring -- Large diamond in center set in square bezel, diamond encrusted side.



Flatinum Pearl Scarf Pin -- Four diamonds and small olivines (green stones similar to emeralds.)



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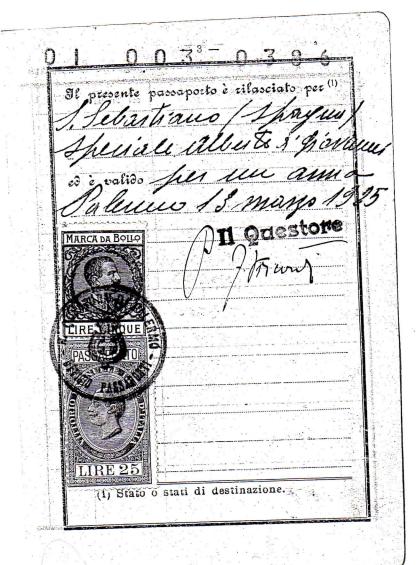
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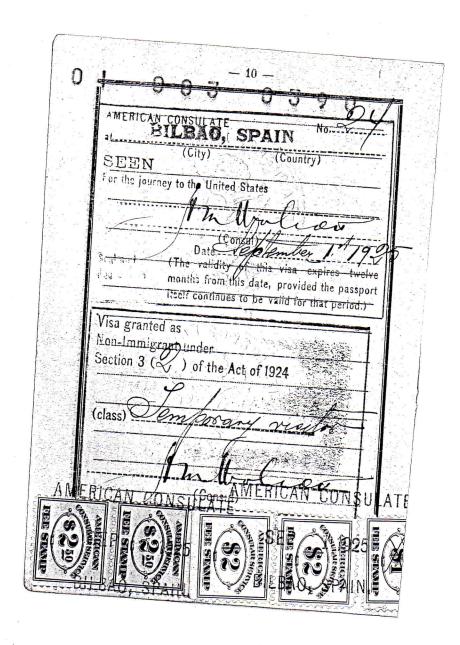
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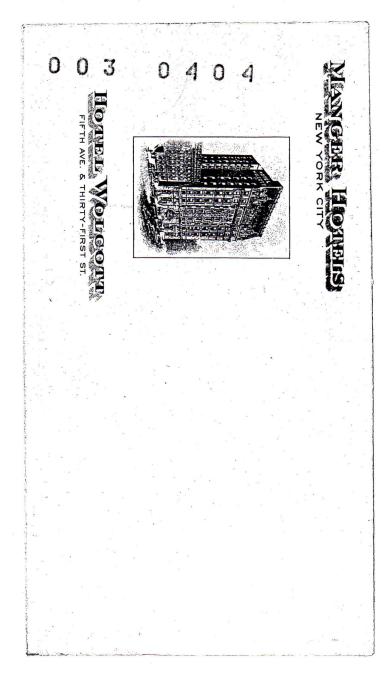


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