

THEY KNOW THE BREED.**SCRANTON PEOPLE REMEMBER SOME
ITALIAN MURDERS.**

SCRANTON, PENN., March 28.—There have been few denunciations of the New-Orleans tragedy in this vicinity, either public or private. The cold-blooded murder of Paymaster McClure and Foreman Flanagan on the Wilkesbarre Mountains by a gang of Italian brigands is still too fresh in the public mind hereabout to permit the squandering of much sympathy on those who met their fate for the killing of Chief Honnessay.

McClure and Flanagan were peaceable men who were driving along a lonely road with a large sum of money for the payment of a gang of workmen when they were set upon by an armed band of assassins and slaughtered in the highway without mercy. Several of the murderous brigands implicated in that crime fled to Italy. Two of their number were identified, and the Italian Government was communicated with by the State Department at Washington for the purpose of securing the extradition of the fugitive assassins. Italy showed little concern in the cause of justice on that occasion, and instead of surrendering the assassins for trial she shielded them by claiming that the punishment for the crime of which they were accused was more severe in this country than in their native land and that it would be unfair to deliver them up for punishment on American soil in such circumstances. The Italian authorities added that if the testimony was forwarded the murderers would be placed on trial there and punished according to the extent of their guilt.

The testimony was not sent. Everybody knew what a farce such a trial would be in a country where successful brigandage has usually been accounted a virtue. The dull ruffian, "Red Nose Mike," who failed to escape when his nimble mistress did, was the only one who paid the penalty for that cruel assassination. He was hanged at Wilkesbarre. The principals in the crime, however, are still in Italy, where they are doubtless looked upon as heroes for the deed of blood and daring that drove them back to the home of the wolfish Mafia.