

INDICT TWELVE IN MURDER CONSPIRACY

District Attorney, with Justice
Goff's Aid, Gets Three Wit-
nesses from Brooklyn.

21 INDICTMENTS SO FAR

Police Watching to Prevent Men
Named in Daniello's Confes-
sion from Leaving Country.

With the prompt assistance of Justice Goff of the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court District Attorney Swann compelled the Brooklyn authorities yesterday to give him possession of three witnesses concerned in the murder conspiracy as revealed in the alleged confession of Raffaello Daniello, who told of twenty-three murders committed by hired assassins in Manhattan and Brooklyn. Immediately after these men had been interrogated before the additional Grand Jury, that body returned twelve indictments for first degree murder against suspects involved in these crimes. Five indictments had previously been found here against others involved in these murders, aggregating the largest number of indictments in any one case that had ever been issued in Manhattan. Four indictments have been returned in Brooklyn, making a total of twenty-one.

Members of the District Attorney's staff found themselves handicapped yesterday morning in running down these suspects because of the absence of witnesses, whose testimony was necessary before issuing bench warrants. It was feared that the principal murder suspects would escape should the Grand Jury be delayed in consideration of the case, but word reached District Attorney Swann that District Attorney Lewis of Kings had announced that the men wanted could only be obtained by one legal method. H. S. Renaud of the Homicide Bureau of Mr. Swann's office obtained habeas corpus writs from Justice Goff ordering the commanding officer at Brooklyn Police Headquarters to produce Daniello, John Mancini, and John Esposito at the office of the Manhattan prosecutor.

Mr. Swann expressed regret that certain parts of the confession of Daniello had been made public, and said he feared some of the suspected criminals were already trying to get away to Italy, although the police here and in other cities are co-operating with the District Attorney's staff in the efforts to apprehend them.

In his confession Daniello accused the murder gang of killing Giuseppe de Marso on July 25, 1916, at 54 James Street, when Charles Lombardi was shot

down in front of the house. It was also alleged that the gang later killed De Marso's brother, Salvatore, who, with several friends, had sworn vengeance on the slayers of his brother. The body of Salvatore, with his throat cut, was found three months later under the Manhattan end of the Queensboro Bridge.

Investigation was started last night to determine if the Italian found strangled to death in the hall at 179 Thompson Street yesterday was another victim of the murder gang. This man had a selective draft registration card bearing the name of Tomasco Gaustella, 115 Harrison Street, Brooklyn. Mr. Swann is also interested in a reinvestigation of the murder of Michael A. Giamari, a political lieutenant of ex-Sheriff Thomas Foley, who was shot and killed two years ago, but developments thus far do not place him among the victims of the murder gang.

Seven other men had been arrested and examined at the Homicide Bureau late last night. No charges were made against them at the conclusion of the examination, but each was held as a material witness, as were Daniello and his two companions, all of whom were remanded to the Tombs in default of \$15,000 bail each.