

GENDARMERIE USE TRICK IN KILLING CORSICAN BANDIT

Robber King Boasts of Conquests With Many Women.

By Times Special
PARIS, June 4.—New York and Chicago police might well take a leaf out of the notebook of the Corsican gendarmerie as to how to rid themselves of bandits.

In Corsica the process is simple. The police set one bandit after another, fix the stage and then sit back and let the gunplay. That, after all, was the way in which the romantic Nono Romanetti, King of the Thickets, came to an end.

Process Is Simple
The gendarmes took the credit for the killing of the super-bandit, but a thorough investigation of the affair shows that while the police knew when and how Romanetti was going to be shot, they did not do it.

Corsica is one of the few States of Europe still overrun with bandits. Others are found in the mountain wildernesses of Bulgaria, in the Caucasus and on the stone wastes of Albania, but they lack the romance of the Corsican bandites, who have taken to themselves the robes of Robin Hood, Captain Kidd and Casanova.

Rob, Live and Love

The Corsican bandits rob and give, live and love, but kill only for their honor or to rid themselves of a too ambitious gendarme. Generally their victims are of two classifications, gendarmes or unfaithful lovers.

Romanetti was probably a victim of his ways with women. When he first took to the thicket sixteen years ago after killing a neighbor over a dispute concerning missing cattle Romanetti was simply a killer evading justice, but as years went by he won support by his policy of robbing the rich and giving to the poor.

But with his rise in the appreciation of his fellow men, Romanetti became ambitious to live up to his title of "King." He started cutting short the days of his enemies, and it would be difficult today to say just how many notches he could have cut on his gunstock before he died.

Murders First Wife

His first wife disappeared in the thicket and gossip accuses him of her murder. The family domestic went down the same mysterious path. A dozen of his followers or rival bandits were found dead in the thicket at various times, and the gendarmerie has a roll of twelve members killed while seeking the fields.

Romanetti was a lady's man and many of his quarrels were due to his jealousy. Unfaithful mistresses were given summary treatment. Once when he returned to his cabin unexpected and found his chosen lady in the arms of another gentleman, he tied them behind his saddle and drove at full gallop across the fields.

Many Corsican girls have borne him children, but he was proudest of his conquests among women visitors to the island. He boasted just a short time before his death that his conquests included several Americans and English, a woman journalist who was looking for first hand information, an Austrian princess and a Parisian actress.

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JUNE BRIDE ADVICE

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By United Press
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