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In these pages, then, you will see how one after another is brought to justice through the daring and cleverness of the officers of the law. Enjoy reading these exciting true stories. See for yourself the sad fate of crooks and criminals—and always remember that *CRIME DOES NOT PAY*.

Sincerely,



Lev Gleason

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THIS IS A TRUE STORY

CRIME KINGS

THE *Real* STORY BEHIND **LEPKE** MAD DOG OF THE UNDERWORLD

AMERICA WARS ON CRIME EACH DAY OF THE YEAR, BUT STILL DISEASED MINDS PLOT, PLAN AND SWEEP CITIES WITH RUTHLESS WAVES OF BRUTALITY AND VICE...LIKE AN EXTENSIVE EDUCATION, THE FACTORIES OF EVIL NURSE THE WARPED MINDS OF MAN AND TURN THEM INTO CUNNING SCHEMING MONSTERS...SUCH WAS THE LIFE OF LEPKE, WHO SPENT THE LAST DAYS OF HIS CAREER IN A SERIES OF WHOLESALE BLOODY SLAUGHTERS THAT SHOCKED EVEN HARDENED CRIME BUSTERS..

by *Woody Hamilton*



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OUR TALE OPENS WHERE MOST CRIME STORIES END.....
IN PRISON....
 LEPKE WHOSE REAL NAME WAS **LOUIS BUCHALTER** HAD MASTERED CRIMINAL TRICKS AT AN EARLY AGE....

I..I DON'T KNOW WHAT MADE ME DO IT...THE OTHER FELLOWS KEPT TELLING ME IT WAS ALL RIGHT AND I LISTENED TO THEM!
 I...I WAS A FOOL!!

YES LOUIS, I HOPE YOU'VE LEARNED YOUR LESSON...KEEP YOUR CHIN UP...YOU CAN ALWAYS START FRESH...WE ALL WANT TO HELP YOU!!

YES, LEPKE'S MASTERY OF DECEIT GAINED HIM A RELEASE FROM REFORM SCHOOL FOR HIS PETTY CRIMES, A PARDON THAT WAS TO COST THE STATE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS AND MEAN THE LIVES OF SCORES OF PERSONS....

NOW, SON...I KNOW YOU'LL CHOOSE THE STRAIGHT ROAD AND MAKE US ALL PROUD OF YOU!

I CERTAINLY WILL!!
 MR. HARRIGAN!!

THE SUCKERS!
 THE DUMB JERKS!.. HA HA!!



AND SO....INTO THE HEART OF CRIME AGAIN STEPPED LEPKE, NOW OLDER, MORE BRUTAL, AND WISER....

COME ON, SLAP-HAPPY, GIVE ME THE DOUGH!! DON'T STALL!!

ALL RIGHT...NO DOUGH! SO I'LL JUST TAKE IT OUT IN TRADE...

SO LONG, FLAT-FOOT!
 HA, HA!

DON'T!
 DON'T!! I'LL PAY YOU!!
 Y..YOU CAN INSURE ME!



THEN CAME THE DAY WHEN LEPKE REALIZED WHAT HE WAS UP AGAINST...WITH THE PRECISE ANALYTICAL MIND OF A BUSINESS MAN HE STUDIED WHAT WAS TO BE HIS LIFE'S WORK....

THIS RACKET'S NO GOOD!! I'LL JUST KEEP GOING UNTIL SOME COP CLIPS ME! THE THING TO DO IS HAVE AN ORGANIZATION FOR PROTECTION...YEAH, THAT'S IT AN **ORGANIZATION!!**

LEPKE THEN TIED UP WITH KID DROPPER NOTORIOUS PROFESSIONAL KILLER.....

HELLO, KID? HOW ABOUT TAKING ON A NEW EMPLOYEE? I GOT LOTS OF GOOD REFERENCES!

WELL, WELL...IF IT AIN'T LITTLE LEPKE! BEGINNING TO FIND LONE-WOLFING IS TOO TOUGH, EH? I GUESS WE CAN USE YOU, IF YOU KEEP IN LINE LIKE A GOOD BOY!!



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LEPKE WORKED AS A "SHAKER" (STRONG ARM MAN) IN KID DROPPERS GANG... AT THIS TIME, LARGE FIRMS WERE HIRING GANGSTERS TO BREAK UP STRIKES THAT THEIR UNFAIR WAGE SYSTEM HAD PRECIPITATED *****

