

# AMERICAN EX-CONSUL ARRESTED IN ITALY

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## John J. Girimondi Posed as a United States Official.

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Had Been Dismissed from His Post at  
Santos, Brazil—Once Was a  
Catholic Priest.

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GENOA, Italy, Sept. 9.—John J. Girimondi, an Italian, who had been naturalized as an American citizen and formerly was United States Consular Agent at Santos, Brazil, but is said to have been dismissed on account of an alleged deficiency in the revenues of his office, has been arrested at Oneglia, on the Gulf of Genoa, about forty miles from Nice.

Girimondi, when he returned to Italy from Brazil, pretended to have been appointed a United States Consul in Persia, and asserted that he also was commissioned to inspect the whole United States Consular Service in Asia. Later he acted as a priest and had been daily celebrating mass. When arrested he was about to leave, accompanied by two Italian girls.

Among Girimondi's effects is a package of United States State Department stationery. The Italian authorities are awaiting information from the United States before deciding on Girimondi's prosecution.

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