

# BLACKMAILER THREATENS TO MURDER PROMINENT PORTLAND BUSINESS MEN

### "SHADOW" IS PIQUED BECAUSE OF FAILURE TO GET MONEY AND SAYS HE WILL KILL LADD AND HIS FAMILY—POLICE ARE CONTINUING SEARCH.

(By Associated Press.)  
 PORTLAND, Jan. 13.—The police are working on clues today to the identity of the blackmailer, "Shadow," who sent threatening letters to prominent men. Henry Jennings, Jr., who received two letters, which he ignored, found on his desk yesterday a note printed in ink on the stationery of his furniture company, reading, "I have been here. Shadow."

Homes Are Guarded.  
 PORTLAND, Jan. 13.—Guards were thrown about the homes of two Portland business men last night after letters threatening them and their families with death were received from the blackmailer who showed through a police trap early yesterday morning on the Base Line road.

Your money cannot save you  
 "Shadow," as the mysterious writer signed himself, wrote to J. Wesley Ladd and Charles Jennings, two of the six Portland business men marked for extortion ranging from \$10,000 to \$25,000.

The blackmail scheme came to light yesterday when the police advised that the "Shadow" eluded them despite their carefully arranged plans for capture.

Letters demanding sums of \$10,000 to \$25,000 and threatening death were received by five of the intended victims for the first time yesterday morning.

Ladd First Victim.  
 Mr. Ladd was chosen the first victim by the "Shadow," he being ordered to deliver a package containing \$25,000 Tuesday night. The method outlined by the blackmailer was for Mr. Ladd to install two flashlights on his automobile as well as rear lights. He was directed to leave Grand avenue and East Gilsen street at midnight Tuesday and drive on the Base line road to the Automobile club house and then return by way of the Columbia river highway.

The "Shadow" notified his intended victim that somewhere along this route he would be in waiting for the package of money, which he demanded should be in denominations of \$5, \$10 and \$20.

Full Instructions Given.  
 He gave specific information as to how the money should be deposited. He said that somewhere along the road he would give a signal by waving a pocket flashlight three times in a circle. Mr. Ladd was directed to proceed not faster than 19 miles an hour and to drop the package, which should be wrapped in white paper, at the spot where the flashlight signal should be given. He was then ordered to drive at high speed down the highway as soon as the package had been dropped.

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Signal Flashes in Downpour.  
 As Hellyer's machine and on containing police detectives were coming west on the Base Line road about 200 yards east of the intersection of the Base Line road and the Craig road, they saw the flashlight signal through the downpour of rain. True to instructions, Hellyer proceeded at slow speed to a point where a bit of paper was burning to designate the spot where the package should be dropped.

He tossed the bundle out of the machine and speeded up for about 100 feet, when he brought his car to a stop. By turning off one of his rear lights he signalled for the machines in the rear to come on, but by the time the others had arrived, the "Shadow" had picked up the package and fled. Although they scoured the wooded section at that point, they were unable to find the slightest trace of the mysterious individual.

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**WOUNDED RETURNING.**  
 (By United Press.)  
 CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 13.—The roll of artillery echoes through the hills surrounding Brusa, and long trains of wounded wound their way back to the Greek base. The Turkish Nationalists are reported to be resisting vigorously the Greek advance, without success. Important Greek successes are claimed in Brusa, Ussiak and the Meandro sectors.

**Mob Takes Law In Own Hands**  
 (By Associated Press.)  
 JASPER, Alabama, Jan. 13.—William Beard, a miner, held in connection with the killing of James Morris, guardsman, on December 31st, was taken from the jail by a mob and shot to death.

**Court Takes Child Away from Parents**  
 Holding that neither of the parents should be awarded the custody of the four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Dixon, Judge J. W. Hamilton, in granting a divorce to J. F. Dixon from Mattie Dixon, ordered that the child be placed in some local family that will care for it, and that the father contribute to its support. The testimony in the case was concluded last night, and this morning the attorneys argued the various phases of the case. The suit was brought by Mr. Dixon against his wife, alleging that she had been associating with other men. He asked for a divorce and the custody of the four year old girl, informing the court that he intended to place the child with his mother in California. After the grandmother had given her testimony on the stand and had exhibited a rather quick temper, the judge decided that she was not the proper person to rear the child, and ordered the father to place the girl in the custody of some responsible family in Roseburg. An effort is now being made to find some one who will assume custody of the child. The father promises to furnish money for its support.

**Roseburg Woman Receives Discharge**  
 Miss Alice Ueland, who for the past two years and a half has been doing reconstruction work among the returned soldiers, has received her discharge and arrived in Roseburg last night to spend some time at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Ueland. Miss Ueland was formerly head of the science department at the local high school. After leaving Roseburg and going to New York, Miss Ueland was stationed at the army hospital at Denver for some time, going from there to Fort Sheridan, Illinois, where she spent a year, and for the past three months had been at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. "At the present time," said Miss Ueland, "there are about 800 patients at Fort Sam Houston. Most of them are accident cases from the surrounding camps, and as Fort Sam Houston is at the head of the southern division it is very likely that it will remain a permanent hospital. The work with the returned soldiers was very interesting and I thoroughly enjoyed my experiences." With the exception of the Misses Eva and Eeva Applegate, who are at an army camp in Georgia, Miss Ueland is the last of the reconstruction workers from this city to return.

**Parent Teachers Meeting at Rose**  
 The Rose school Parent Teachers association met last night at the Rose school building with a good attendance. A short business meeting was held following a good musical program given by Elizabeth Williams, Donald Fields, Naomi Phelps, Jack Throne, Carl Stoddard, Kenneth Radabaugh, Helen Falbe, Howard Shaw and several sixth grade pupils. The program was much enjoyed and a good meeting is planned for the next regular meeting of the association.

**NEGOTIATING FOR SETTLEMENT**  
 G. W. Grubbe, who is being held at Oakland, California on a charge of having obtained money from the Glendale State Bank, has obtained the services of an attorney and is trying to arrange a settlement with the bank. The extradition papers are here and in the event that no settlement can be reached, Grubbe will be returned to this city.

**B. F. Skinner, who has been absent for the past two weeks, returned to Roseburg this morning. Mr. Skinner visited at Edmondton, Canada Tacoma, Portland and other northern points.**

**INTEREST HOLDS GOOD IN MEETINGS**  
 Huge Tabernacle Is Filled Nightly by People Interested In Teachings.

**BIG CHOIR IS FEATURE**  
 Music Under the Direction of Mr. Lewis is One of the Biggest Features of Union Revival Service Now in Progress.

**J. E. McClintock.**  
 Last night the Christian church held the center of the stage at the tabernacle, and headed by Pastor Hillton, the host of this church, with banners waving filled every available reserved seat, and more room had to be provided. The young, the middle aged and the elderly, they were all there. As the procession marched in the choir struck up the song, "Onward Christian Soldiers," and the large audience rose and gave hearty cheers, which suggests the splendid spirit of Christian fellowship which obtains among the churches of our city. Dr. Bulgin gave a hearty greeting to this company of church folk, and briefly reviewed their history from the time that Alexander Campbell gave as the creed that should later become the foundation on which this organization would build, when he said, "Take the Bible for your creed." Another thing, said Bulgin, that you Christians should be proud of is that you have insisted that the so-called Sabbath, nor Sunday, but the Lord's day. He also reminded them that they have the distinction of being able to "talk back," or as the darkey says, "Spute," and this is not a bad falling when done in the proper spirit; and finally he complimented them for the determined position they have always taken to "stand by the Bible," not in part, but in whole. Mrs. Lewis then sang, "Nothing But Leaves," and Mr. Bulgin commenced his sermon, using as his text, "Cut it down, why occupieth it space to no purpose."

**NEW FAD APPEARS**  
 A new fad appeared in Roseburg today and attracted considerable attention. It is evident that some of the women have decided that something was needed to cover a portion of the broad expanse between shoe top and skirt bottom, and consequently to fill the gap, there appeared a dainty ribbon encircling the well formed ankle and tied in a neat little bow. The contrast between the silk stockings and the ribbon and the uniqueness of the display attracted considerable attention on the streets as the young lady introducing the new style paraded the main thoroughfares.

**RECONVENE MONDAY.**  
 SALEM, Jan. 13.—The house adjourned at noon to reconvene on Monday at 11 o'clock. The cash bonus idea for ex-service men appears to have faded from the minds of the soldier members of the legislature and a long term loan proposition having taken its place.

**BONUS MASS MEETING.**  
 From every indication the army will be packed tomorrow night with ex-service men from every section of Douglas county. The mass meeting scheduled at 8 o'clock in the main attraction, and all sentiment concerning the bonus question will be sounded out. Speakers have been secured and a lively time is expected. Some misceant last night tore down the mass meeting signs placed about the city, but the ex-service men were on the job today and had them replaced. The basketball game will be called early to allow everyone to attend the meeting.

**SETTLING FISH AND GAME SCRAP**  
 Commission Will Probably Be Reorganized and New Powers Granted.

**BRIEF NEWS DISPATCHES**  
 Willows, California, Feels Sharp Earthquake This Morning—Harding Thinks Seriously of Sales Tax.

**Will Appoint Committee.**  
 SALEM, Jan. 13.—The house game committee decided to draft and report out a bill reorganizing the fish and game commission along the lines agreed on between the sportsmen and the commercial fishing interests. Among the powers granted the game commission is the right to open any closed season and close any open season at their discretion.

**Will Advance Money.**  
 ATHENS, Jan. 13.—It has been announced that the United States has consented to advance Greece \$22,000,000 promised when Venizelos was premier, but upon condition that the money be expended in America for non-war materials.

**Says Bill No Good.**  
 WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Lester F. Gates, former president of the Chicago Board of Trade, told the house agricultural committee that the enactment of the Capper-Tincher grain features bill "would paralyze the present grain marketing machinery without providing an adequate substitute."

**Earthquake Is Felt.**  
 WILLOWS, Jan. 13.—United Press)—A sharp earthquake shock was felt here early today which lasted for three seconds. No damage was done.

**Confers With Harding.**  
 WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—(P. P.)—Harding is giving serious thought to the sales tax as one of the most important features of the revenue law revision, according to Representative Isaac Baerach, republican member of the house ways and means committee, who conferred with the president-elect at Marlon.

**Gets Death Sentence.**  
 BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Jan. 13.—(U. P.)—Elwood was sentenced to be hanged for the murder of George Watt. When the judge pronounced the death sentence Wade smiled and said, "Thank you."

**A NEAR CELEBRITY.**  
 CORVALLIS, Jan. 12.—Another near celebrity has been discovered on the campus. Homer Riath, cousin of General J. J. Pershing, has registered. He was graduated from the Roseburg high school in June, 1920. Riath is registered in the school of engineering, taking a course in industrial arts.

**LYMAN SPENCER WINS IN GUESSING CONTEST**  
 Lyman Spencer was the lucky guesser in the contest conducted by Clark's Studio. The subject of the large photograph was little Phyllis Ann Bolter and Mr. Spencer turned in his guess last night, several duplicate answers being turned in following his. Great interest was manifested in the contest, and over 200 guesses were submitted. The picture was very pleasing, the charming natural coloring being artistically blended with the harmonious framing, producing in whole a photograph demonstrating perfect workmanship. The photo was 16 by 26 inches in size and was covered by a large card, which was being lowered 1/2 inch daily until the lucky guess was made. As a prize, Mr. Spencer will receive six large photos free of charge.

**MILL STORE IS ROBBED**  
 Sheriff Sam Starmer this morning received word of the robbery of the Glendale Mill Store yesterday evening. The robber entered the store by breaking a window, and appropriated about \$30 in cash. It is believed that the work was done by local talent. Deputy Sheriff Percy Webb left for Glendale this morning to inquire into the robbery and to serve civil papers.

**P. J. Davies, formerly manager of the 5, 10 and 15 cent store here, arrived in Roseburg this afternoon from San Francisco, and will spend several days visiting with friends. Mr. Davies resides in Tacoma at the present time and is enroute home after spending a short vacation in California.**

**JAP KILLS YANKEE.**  
 (By United Press.)  
 SANGHAI, Jan. 13.—Admiral Gleaves, commanding the American Asiatic squadron, is scheduled to arrive here tomorrow aboard a destroyer, enroute to Vladivostok to investigate the killing of Lieutenant W. R. Langdon, who was killed Sunday while returning to his ship from a visit ashore. He is said to have been shot in the back by a Japanese soldier.

**Scheme to Stop Wheat Importation**  
 (By Associated Press.)  
 WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—To stop the "enormous importations of Canadian wheat," Senator McCumber, of North Dakota, announced that he would ask a tariff of probably fifty cents per bushel on wheat to be included in the Fordney emergency tariff bill instead of the duty of 30 cents carried by the measure passed in the house.

**Half of Nation Lives in Country**  
 (By Associated Press.)  
 WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—The urban population of the United States, or people living in places of 2500 or more, is 54,318,032, or 51.4 per cent of the country's total population. The number living in rural territory is 51,390,739, the census bureau announced. In 1910 the urban population represented 45.8 per cent. Oregon's urban population is 391,019; the rural population is 392,370.

**French Union to be Abandoned**  
 (By Associated Press.)  
 PARIS, Jan. 13.—Dissolution of the general federation of labor has been ordered by the court which has been hearing the case against Leon Jouhaux, president of the federation, and other officers on charges of infringement of the laws governing unions.

**Spring Will See Fighting Once More**  
 (By Associated Press.)  
 PARIS, Jan. 13.—More than three million men will be thrown into the fighting along the Russian boundary early in spring, according to information which the French military experts have given out. Their advice indicate that the fighting front will extend from 200 to 250 miles. The Bolsheviks are expected to launch several spring drives, the French authorities said. Meeting them will be troops from several Balkan states, rallying in support of Roumania, Czechoslovakia and perhaps the border states which Russia wishes to reclaim.

**Religious Fanatic Has Really Partaken Of No Food Says Doctor**  
 (By United Press.)  
 DANVILLE, Ill., Jan. 12.—Cold blooded science and adherents of the old fashioned and fire religion were agreed today that Mrs. Sadie Harrington, who is fasting to force her husband to join the Church of God, had not partaken of food for 45 days.

**Skeptics and scoffers—and most of the townsfolk here were in that class until a day or so ago—are now beginning to believe that Mrs. Harrington has not partaken of any nutrition since she announced her fast to save the soul of her husband.**

**Dr. Wm. Gerety, the leading physician of Danville, has been called to the bedside of the disciple of the Church of God by her husband, when he reversed his former stand today when he told the United Press that he was convinced that Mrs. Harrington had been without food.**

**"I was inclined to disbelieve Mrs. Harrington when I called on her for the first time two weeks ago," said Dr. Gerety. "The thorough examination I made of her yesterday however was convincing."**

**The doctor said Harrington had called him on the occasion of each of the three visits and requested him to tell Mrs. Harrington that she would die if she persisted in her fast. He failed to convince her, he said.**

**Her pulse was faster and her temperature a little below normal on the last visit," he said. "There are the first signs of the effect of starvation."**

**Dr. Gerety said that Mrs. Harrington is able to stand up so well because of the fact that she weighed**

**PORTLAND HOTEL MAN VISITS HERE**  
 Eric V. Hauser Lauds City of Roseburg and Says We Have Fine Place.

**SURPRISED AT GROWTH**  
 Makes Trip Through Business and Residence Districts and Declares That City is Going Ahead by Leaps and Bounds.

**Eric V. Hauser, proprietor of the Multnomah hotel in Portland, was a visitor in Roseburg today for several hours and during his short stay here made a trip through the business and residence districts of the city, accompanied by Ray Clark, of the Umpqua hotel. This is Mr. Hauser's first visit in Roseburg for five years, and he was greatly surprised at the growth of the city in that length of time. He commented on the excellent hotel accommodations here and also the magnificent federal and high school buildings. He appeared to be much impressed with the appearance of the residence district and declared that Roseburg is destined to be one of the leading cities of the state. Mr. Hauser had the following to say concerning his visit here:**

**"I am more than delighted to visit your city, and I want to tell you what a wonderful growth you have made. Five years ago I was here and at that time your real prosperity had just started. It is very evident that since then you have been on the go. A trip through your business district will convince anyone that you have the real foundation for a city. All of the merchants seem to be live-wires and take a pride in the appearance of the business thoroughfares. The location of Roseburg is ideal. We have all heard of your remarkable climatic conditions. Your city should be the centralization point for tourist travel. You are one day's travel from Portland and are also a terminal point from the south. Boost your tourist trade. Make it worth while for the outside visitors to stop here for a day or two and look over your community."**

**Mr. Hauser is well known throughout the Pacific northwest and has been a dominant factor in the growth of Portland. During the war he took an active interest in the boys in the camps and "over there" and spared no expense in supplying them with comforts. He is a likeable sort of a fellow and not the kind that one would imagine a "millionaire" would be. He believes in a bonus for the ex-service men, is a staunch friend of the Portland newboys, and in all is a "man's man."**

**During his visit here today he declared that he would hereafter boost for Roseburg. He left this morning for Los Angeles, where he will be a guest at the opening of the fine new Ambassador hotel in that city.**

# Resolution Is Adopted Favoring Rock Creek Bridge And Road

At a regular meeting of the Douglas County Realty Board, held Monday evening, January 10, the following motion was duly adopted:

Whereas, the bridge crossing on Rock Creek at a point near the mouth of said Creek has been washed out, and

Whereas, the need for the rebuilding of a bridge to accommodate the settlers living east of Rock Creek and also for the use of campers is very urgent, and

Whereas, the county road has not been definitely surveyed and located east of Rock Creek, and many settlers are now living in that section of Douglas county, who are entitled to proper consideration at the hands of the county court of this county, and

Whereas, the construction of a bridge across Rock creek and the locating and initial grading of a road from Rock Creek to a point on the National forest reserve will be of a great benefit to the settlers and to tourists, and will be the first step in the construction of a highway leading to Diamond Lake and Crater Lake, and

Whereas, the construction of such a highway, connecting Diamond Lake and Crater Lake with the Pacific Highway via the North Umpqua route will bring to Douglas county thousands of tourists each year and will give to the citizens of Douglas county the opportunity of visiting these popular resorts over the shortest route,

Now therefore, Be it Resolved, by the Douglas County Realty Board, in regular session assembled, that we urge our county court to take immediate steps looking to the early construction of such bridge over Rock Creek, and the survey and preliminary work on a permanent roadway leading from Rock Creek to the National Forest Reserve, and be it further,

Resolved that these resolutions be spread upon our records, and a copy handed to the county court, and published in the News-Review.

Douglas County Realty Board,  
 By M. F. Rice, Pres.

This proposed improvement is held to be the most important in the county for immediate action and support has been given by all of the large organizations of the county. The reconstruction of the bridge and the opening of the road to the forest beyond the American Legion after some of the ex-service men who have taken up government land beyond Rock creek told of the experiences they were forced to undergo in getting supplies to their cabins. A strong committee was appointed to represent the Legion and a similar committee was appointed from the chamber of commerce and these two committees met jointly with the county court. Now that the realty board has added in the move, great strength has been added to the support and it is evident that the county court can adopt no more popular move than that called for in the above resolution.

The expense to the county will not be heavy, as the settlers have shown a willingness to help. Timber for the bridge has been promised by a representative of the Kendall Lumber company which owns most of the timber in the immediate vicinity. The forest service has promised the use of a man and a truck in the event the work is done early in the spring, and the settlers have agreed to donate labor. This bridge can doubtless be built a great deal cheaper, under these conditions, than would be possible at any other place and it is certain that the bridge is badly needed. During the summer thousands of people visit Rock Creek and to leave the creek unpassable would be doubtless to turn away many of the tourists, campers and picnickers.

The county court is not asked to make any great expenditure on the road between Rock Creek and the forest boundary. The court is asked to establish a grade and declare the road open, and do some of the rougher parts of the work, the settlers agreeing to donate labor for making improvements to the road in order that they may take out their produce.