

# ETHEREIDGE IS FREE AND READY TO TALK

### Blame Expected to Be Put on Morris.

## OVERTURE ALREADY MADE

### Ex-Head of Bond House Not Yet Ready to Give Interviews; Miss Morris' Holdings Sought.

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portance of the testimony and evidence he is able to produce.  
Mr. Etheridge still maintains a sphinx-like silence so far as the granting of interviews is concerned. He said that he could not and would not talk until he had procured an attorney and was further apprised of the nature of the charges against him.

### Fraud Evidence Expected.

That Etheridge, if he decides to tell all he knows concerning the firm of Morris Brothers, Inc., and the interest which Fred S. Morris had in the firm, will strengthen the evidence against the alleged fraud on the part of Morris, as produced in the federal chancery hearing Monday, is the belief of those connected with the investigation of the affairs of the firm.

His testimony, it is understood, will seek to place much of the blame on the shoulders of Fred Morris, who, according to the evidence, confessed, has at all times been in reality the owner of the bond house, with Etheridge merely as a "dummy" agent and stockholder, who would be compelled to shoulder all blame in case of a crash such as occurred two weeks ago.

### Share Demanded by Morris.

This is the theory on which Attorney Harrison R. Peck worked during their cross-examination of Morris in federal court Monday. They succeeded in showing that Etheridge was in complete control of the bond house without the payment of one cent, and at a time when it is charged, the firm was insolvent to the extent of \$25,000 or more.

This, it is argued by the attorneys, would explain why Morris was so willing to surrender his interest in the firm at a time when the business might go into a receivership at any minute. But in spite of the fact that the business was to be sold, when the Etheridges took it over through the alleged check-kiting operations, Morris still demanded \$500 a month from the firm, under his own admissions in open court.

### Arrangement Is Scented.

District Attorney Evans admitted yesterday that he understood that some arrangement was under way whereby Etheridge was to turn on Morris and bare his relations with the former owner of the bond house. Harrison Allen, of counsel for Receiver Whitcomb, said that the proposed arrangement was new to him, and that so far as he knew it had not yet been placed before him.

The first step in the announced plan of the receiver to compel, if possible, Miss Henrietta Morris, wife of Fred S. Morris, to turn over her assets for the benefit of the creditors, was taken yesterday when Bert Henry, of the receiver's legal advisors, procured from Federal Judge Woiverton an order permitting Receiver Whitcomb to seal a safety deposit box at the Morris Brothers' office, bond house in which she is supposed to keep personal securities and assets of a considerable sum.

### Deposit Box Held Under Seal.

The order signed by Judge Woiverton holds that this deposit box under seal until further order of the court restrains either Fred S. Morris or Henrietta Morris from removing any of its contents.

Fred Morris went to the safety deposit vault yesterday morning and sought entrance into his receiver's vault, but was restrained by Receiver Whitcomb. Morris then notified Griffith, Lester and Allen that he would be unable to comply with a court order requiring him to file a complete statement of the contents of the bond house for holdings because much of them were confined in the safety deposit box.

The forces of auditors working under the direction of Receiver Whitcomb devoted all day yesterday to preparing a complete and final list of all creditors of the bond house for filing in the federal court today. The auditors will then take over the work of locating all possible assets in order that an official estimate of the firm's deficiency may be known definitely by the close of the week. As soon as the complete list of creditors is filed official notices will be sent out to all asking them to file their claims in proper form for presentation to the referee in bankruptcy.

### Dealings to Be Probed.

Mr. Whitcomb yesterday directed auditors to investigate the dealings had between the local bond house with the bond firms of Redmond & Co. and Child & Co. in New York. Auditors in New York are now making this inquiry. The books of Morris Bros. Inc. show that the firm had credits with both these firms, while the books of the firms are said to disclose that they are creditors of the local firm. Exact information concerning these relations is expected by Mr. Whitcomb within the next few days.

Court action is expected to get under way again tomorrow morning when Fred S. Morris is recalled to the witness chair before Robert F. McGuire, master in chancery, for further cross-examination. At that time testimony for the receiver will attempt to make him reveal his own personal holdings. His sister, Henrietta Morris, also will undergo a minute examination, it was said.

Whether or not Etheridge and Mrs. Etheridge will be called upon to submit to this examination will not be known until tomorrow. If the pending proposal made by Etheridge that he turn state's evidence against Morris is accepted, it is probable that he will not be called for examination in chancery proceedings.

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service. Of these cases, ten are now under investigation and the others have been settled in court or by the paying of costs for extinguishing the fire.  
The most common causes of fire were found to be leaving campfires burning, which 25 persons were called to account. The cigarette as a cause for forest fire caused criminal action to be brought against only one Oregon resident. Two cases of incendiarism were reported. Burning brush without a permit and sparks from logging engines were other causes.  
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Selmer Jackson.  
"I hadn't the slightest idea that 'Way Down East' was so popular here in the west until we began playing it last week. It is the fact that we are repeating it this week is evidence that the production has met with approval," said Selmer Jackson, popular leading man of the Baker Stock company, who is playing his first year with the Baker Players. "We thoroughly enjoy the production ourselves, for when your audience is with you, you can get more enjoyment and real entertainment from your work. It takes all kinds of plays to make up the theatrical rounds and all kinds of people must be thought of when a play is chosen, and the Baker management in this regard is no exception. In fact, I feel they have chosen most wisely the plays offered this year."

son to blame pays for the cost of putting out the blaze.  
Federal indictments are still pending in the incendiary cases.

## DRAINAGE TO BE TALKED

### ASSOCIATION MEMBERS TO MEET AT CHAMBER HERE.

### Programme Contains Many Topics of Importance; John S. Beall Is Toastmaster.

With a programme of important topics before them, members of the Oregon State Drainage Association will hold an all-day meeting in the green room of the Chamber of Commerce, beginning at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. Officers of the organization are: President, A. E. Harris, Brooks; acting secretary, W. L. Powers, Corvallis; chairman of legislative committee, Samuel R. Brown, Gervais; chairman of programme committee, John W. Cunningham, Portland. The directors are J. O. Elrod, Portland; Colon Eberhard, La Grande; R. Applegate, Klamath Falls; A. E. Beall, Tillamook; T. G. Smith, Echo; Percy Purvis, Vale; and A. L. Holman, Astoria.

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With the lawmakers committed by party platform and commissioned by will of the people to a policy of rigid economy, every effort will be made to expedite work of the session in order to avoid necessity of proceeding longer than the prescribed period.

This phase of the situation is emphasized by the unusual number of big measures to be submitted at the coming session, including three code revision measures, a radical departure from present system of departmental government.

### Code Measures to Be Up.

In compliance with directions from the last session, measures drafted by the industrial code commission and the school code commission will be presented for enactment into law. In addition to these the much discussed but as yet little understood administrative code will come before the session with the indorsement of Governor Hart and backed by the influence of the state administration.

As far as can be learned the scheme embodied in the administrative code will be largely the work of Governor Hart, based upon investigation of similar plans in operation in some of the other states, notably the Lowden plan in Illinois.

Although the special session last March authorized the appointment of a commission to study the various consolidation plans of state government with a view to eliminating useless boards and commissions, thus reducing the cost of government, Governor Hart has refrained from naming such commissions and as generally understood has been assisted by department heads in carrying out the purpose expressed in the legislative resolution providing for the commission.

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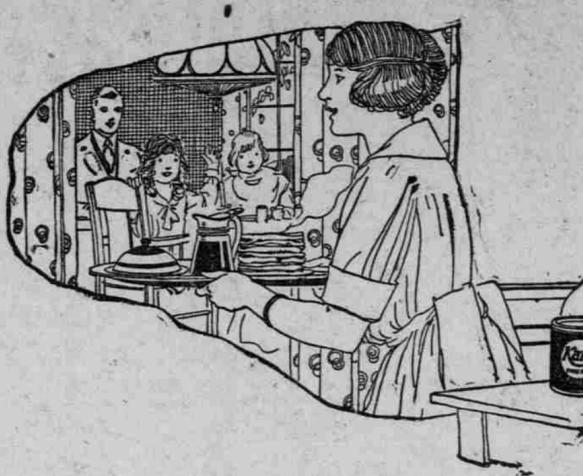
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## KIDNAPING IS MYSTERY

Local Police Know Nothing of Lad Held in San Francisco.

Police officials are puzzled over a telegram from San Francisco informing them of the kidnaping of 3-year-old Philip Ferris, said to have been kidnaped from his mother, Mary Ferris, general delivery, Portland.  
No record of the case can be found and both county and city officials know nothing of it. The telegram also names Mrs. Jack Ferrine, route E, box 426, Portland, as a friend who should be notified. Failing to find any record of the residence of either person, detectives have written to both addresses given. In the meantime little Philip is held at San Francisco police headquarters.

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