

## ACTOR IS HUNTED AS BLACKMAILER

### Joe Brady Under Suspicion as The Shadow.

## HANDWRITING FORMS GLEW

### Extortionist Thought Pal of "Talkative Burglar."

## POLICE STILL BAFFLED

### Victim, Who Had Opportunity to See Thief Clearly, Identifies Police Picture.

In an effort to clarify the fog which surrounds the identity of the "Talkative Burglar" the police bureau yesterday mailed circulars throughout the country asking for the apprehension of George Billings, alias Joe Brady, an ex-convict and vaudeville actor, who, in the opinion of Mayor Baker and a goodly number of police detectives, is both the "Talkative Burglar" and "The Shadow."

However, it was learned from an authoritative source last night that in all probability Billings is not the "Talkative Burglar," although there are good grounds for suspicion that he may be "The Shadow."

## Brady Thought Shadow.

Although he would not be quoted, Roscoe C. Nelson, whose home was robbed by the "Talkative Burglar" and who, so far as known, is the only victim of this daring housebreaker to get a good look at the man, is positive that Billings, alias Brady, is not the man who robbed his home on the early morning of December 13. Photographs now being mailed by the police bureau do not resemble the "Talkative Burglar" in any particular, Mr. Nelson is known to have said.

Then, to make the entire affair more mystifying, Mr. Nelson is equally as sure that Billings, alias Brady, is the man who mailed back some of the jewelry which the "talkative burglar" took from the Nelson home, and he is equally as positive that Billings is "The Shadow."

## Handwriting Causes Suspicion.

The sum and substance of these various clues and bits of evidence amount to this: The handwriting on the package which Mr. Nelson received contains which Mr. Nelson is identical with that of the letters written by "The Shadow" in his efforts to extort thousands of dollars from prominent Portland residents.

"Even a child could see that they were written by the same person," asserted Mr. Nelson yesterday.

The handwriting being identical, it then follows, according to Mr. Nelson's theory, that the "talkative burglar" must have had a partner on the morning the Nelson home was robbed. This partner, then, must have been "The Shadow."

## Police Theory Scouted.

The theory advanced by Detective Captain Circle that Billings, who has been positively identified by Mr. Nelson as the man who got \$100 from him on his promise to return a ring stolen from the Nelson home, is neither the "Talkative Burglar" or "The Shadow," but is a third crook in the muddled affair who took advantage of Mr. Nelson's anxiety to have a part of his stolen jewelry returned, is scouted by Mr. Nelson.

When the Nelson home was robbed, the burglar later returned a part of the valuables in a small package. Eager to have his wife's engagement ring returned, Mr. Nelson notified the "Talkative Burglar" through The Oregonian that he would gladly pay for the diamond ring if the burglar would consent to return it.

## FORD CONTINUES TO GAIN

### Newberry Lead Reduced by 2,000 Votes in 1402 Precincts.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Henry Ford's net gain over Senator Newberry in their Michigan senatorial contest was 2993 votes at the close of work today by the senate privileges and elections committee, with 1402 of the 2323 state precincts recanvassed. Senator Newberry's plurality was about 7500 and the heavier voting precincts still remained to be counted.

## SENATOR McNARY IS ILL

### Soion Has Been Confined to Room, But Condition Improves.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 21.—Senator McNary has been confined to his room for the last two days from an indisposition which for a time caused slight apprehension, but today was resting comfortably.

His physician gave the assurance this afternoon that the senator will be able to resume his official duties in a couple of days.

## 3 OFFICIALS ARRESTED

### Heads of Film Companies Charged With Manslaughter.

BATONNE, N. J., Jan. 21.—Henry Eysman, George Sweezy and Charles Kerner, officials of film companies here, whose exploding plant caused the death of two persons and injuries to several others last Tuesday, were arrested today charged with manslaughter.

Sweezy and Kerner are confined to a hospital with injuries suffered in the explosion.

## \$1,200,000 IS PAID FOR CLATSOP TIMBER

### CHOICE YELLOW FIR BOUGHT BY INMAN-POULSEN.

### 350,000,000 Feet on Upper Rock Creek Is Sold by Oregon-American Lumber Company.

The purchase of 350,000,000 feet of choice yellow fir timber located on upper Rock creek in Clatsop county by the Inman-Poulsen lumber company was announced yesterday, the deal being one of the largest recent purchases of timber in the state for several months. The timber was bought from the Oregon-American Lumber company, of which Charles T. Early is the Oregon manager, and the price was reported to be approximately \$1,200,000.

The timber is a part of 27,200 acres of timber land which was purchased by Utah capitalists in 1917 from John E. DuBois, of DuBois, Pa., at a price of \$4,000,000. The purchase announced yesterday is about one-eighth of the original purchase from DuBois.

Paul C. Bates, of the firm of McCargar, Bates & Lively, represented both the buyer and seller in the transaction. He also negotiated the original purchase from DuBois four years ago.

## FARMERS ARE BUSY LOBBYING

### Revision of Truck License Fees Wanted.

## DAMAGE IS HELD SMALL

### Farm Vehicles Declared to Use Only Macadamized or Dirt Highways for Travel.

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Width of tires and speed of trucks on highways; revision of truck license fees; flat license rate for automobiles; increased gasoline tax; double market-road tax; these and many other bits of road legislation are under consideration.

About the only road legislation which appears certain is an increase of the gasoline tax, and this may range from 2 cents to 5 cents a gallon, depending on whether the increase is wanted for road maintenance alone, or as a substitute for the present horsepower automobile license.

## TROUSERS TO BE LONGER

### Men's Styles Next Spring to Offset Women's Short Skirts.

CHICAGO, Jan. 21.—Longer trousers for men will offset short skirts for women next spring, according to the edict of the Merchants Tailors' Designers' association today. Coats will also be longer and of the "athletic or wedge-shaped type," and trousers will be "moderately belted," said L. D. Tyler, fashion chairman of the association.

"Center vents, known to the layman as coat tails, will be eliminated to a great extent," Tyler said. "From the shoulder to the coat bottom the lines will be as straight as possible, as will the front of the coat."

"Plain colors will be most numerous, but there will be no manufacturing novelties. Browns have lost favor and blues, grays and checks will be most fashionable for spring and summer wear."

## JOHN D. JR. GIVES MILLION

### Hoover Announces Donation for European Relief.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—John D. Rockefeller Jr., son of the Standard Oil magnate, has contributed \$1,000,000 to the relief of starving European children.

This announcement was made tonight by Herbert Hoover at the conclusion of a dinner given to Mr. Rockefeller's Bible class.

Mr. Rockefeller's gift was the largest personal contribution to the \$23,000,000 fund being raised by the European relief council, Mr. Hoover said. He added that about one-half of the amount already had been subscribed.

## FUEL TAX SUREST OF ALL ROAD BILLS

### Other Legislation Is Not as Certain to Pass.

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## OFFICER SLAIN, FOUR WOUNDED IN DUELS

### THREE VICTIMS AT SEATTLE ARE NEAR DEATH.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 21.—One police detective was killed, two patrolmen and the man who was said to have confessed to shooting the three officers, were probably fatally wounded and a fifth man was slightly wounded and two shooting affairs in which the police participated here tonight.

Patrolmen Neil McMillan and W. T. Angle were shot down about 3 P. M. in the Capitol Hill residence district when they attempted to search a revolver and started firing. Both half an hour later Detective James O'Brien was killed at Second avenue and Cherry street, in the heart of the Seattle financial district, in a gun battle with John Smith, who was himself probably fatally wounded.

## CHURCHMAN ADMITS SHARE IN BIG THEFT

### EX-PREACHER FACTOR IN \$185,000 MAIL ROBBERY.

MOUNT VERNON, Ill., Jan. 21.—Guy Kyle, former rector of the Free Methodist church of Mount Vernon, who was arrested today in connection with the theft here last Friday of packages containing registered mail, containing \$185,000 in cash, confessed today that he was implicated in the robbery, postoffice inspectors announced.

According to Postoffice Inspector Hitchcock, Kyle said that \$27,000 in negotiable securities which the packages contained had been burned. The inspector expressed the belief that this action had been taken to destroy possible clues.

## LOBBY POSE GETS MRS. EVANS IN BAD

### Women's Clubs Council Members Nettled.

### MISSION HELD MIDDLESOME

### Representations Made at Salem Challenged.

### DELEGACY IS RENOUNCED

### Stand Is Not Questioned as Much as "Amazing and Unwarranted" Claim of Authority.

When Mrs. Sarah Evans, representing the league of women voters, attends the next regular session of the legislative council of Oregon Women's clubs, and arises to report upon her visit to the legislature during the last week, it is freely predicted that the cavil will ring again and again in ineffectual remonstrance at the tumult so created.

For the legislative council of Portland women's clubs, or at least a majority of its members, alludes freely to Mrs. Evans' mission among the senators as "middlesome" and "utterly unauthorized," and has prepared a packet of explosive queries for her return.

The first of these, and the source of many variations, will be an inquiry respecting the authority by which she is said to have represented herself as appealing for the council before the legislature.

## JUROR GETS JAIL TERM

### Discussion of Case With Friend Is Cause of Sentence.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 21.—A sentence of two days in the county jail was imposed today on Matthew F. Brown, following his admission that while acting as a juror in the trial of Allen McDonald for an attack on a girl he discussed the case with a friend.

The jury on which Brown served disagreed, McDonald was convicted in a second trial.

## MOTHER'S CRY SAVES DOG

### "Fireman, Save My Baby," Says Woman—Baby Is a Dog.

BRIDGE, Ariz., Jan. 21.—The plea of a woman, "Fireman, save my baby," caused three firemen to risk suffocation in a fire here today. The baby was rescued.

It was a dog.

## NEBRASKA TO KEEP ROPE

### State Senate Refuses to Abolish Capital Punishment.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 21.—The Nebraska state senate today refused to abolish capital punishment at this time.

Members referred to the present "national crime wave."

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## EX-CAPTAIN WITH PARAMOUR JAILED

### E. H. Cox Arrested With Charming Divorcee.

### EACH IS OUT ON \$50 BAIL

### Mrs. Louise Barry Is Name Given by Woman.

### "MR. BARRY" IDENTIFIED

### Questionable Company Causes Downfall of Pair Registered at Hotel as Man and Wife.

Questionable company brought about the chance arrest of E. H. Cox of San Francisco, ex-captain in an artillery unit of the 21st division, and reputed to be the son of a wealthy California timberman, resulting yesterday in his being held by the police to answer to a charge of assisting under an assumed name at a local hotel in company with a woman not his wife.

Captain Cox, who was apprehended at one of the down-town hotels with a charming Los Angeles divorcee, where they were registered as E. H. Barry and Mrs. Louise Barry, has many friends and fellow ex-officers in this city, with whom he served overseas. Late yesterday both he and Mrs. Barry were released on \$50 bail, registered on an investigation charge, with Captain of Inspectors Circle asserting that the more serious charge will be brought against them in a formal complaint.

## White Slavery Disproved.

### An investigation by federal officials disposed of the possibility that white slavery charges might be preferred against ex-Captain Cox, insuring his contention that he did not transport the woman from California, but that she merely stopped in Portland to pay him a visit while on her way to relatives in Montana.

## Special Meeting Today

### Legislators of Oregon, Washington, Idaho to Gather Here.

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Or., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Special representatives of the roads and highways committees of the legislatures of Oregon, Washington and Idaho will meet in joint session at the Sheraton hotel in Portland Saturday morning.

The request came from the Washington legislature. Senators Harb and Robertson and Representatives Wright, Carter and Korrell will be present for Oregon.

The object of the conference is to agree on traffic and other automobile regulations which were worked out by a meeting of the secretaries of state of these states a month ago.

## Action Held Unwarranted.

### "It wasn't that the council opposed the resolution which disapproved of the two measures," said Mrs. C. W. Hayward, one of the members yesterday, "for with a single exception the delegates were instructed to cast their influence against the removal of the commissions to Salem. But it was the amazing and wholly unwarranted action of Mrs. Evans in appearing before the house committee, and their declaring that she represented this council and the women of Oregon. It was the tacit understanding that Mrs. Alexander Thompson was to represent us at the legislature. A most unfortunate affair, in which Mrs. Evans clearly overstepped her authority."

## Authority Held Lacking.

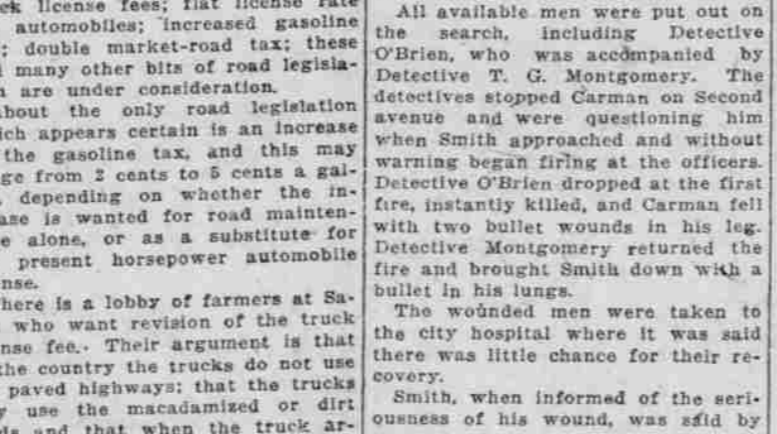
### "I told Mrs. Evans," said Mrs. Thompson, "that we were without authority in the matter, and that the council had not yet voted upon it. They were there for the defeat of the measures and to save Mrs. Trumbull's job—well and good. But they had no right to claim that they in any sense represented us, as they did claim."

## Unanimous vote of the council is required for the approval of any course—and unanimity was not among the qualities present when Mrs. Thompson reported at the Thursday session. With Mrs. Trumbull presiding, and frequently calling for order, Mrs. Thompson laid down a verbal barrage of criticism against the alleged liberty taken by Mrs. Evans and hotly asserted that the council and its component women's clubs were rendered ridiculous by the action.

## "I was instructed by my organization to vote for the defeat of the measures," said Mrs. Thompson yesterday. "But that is beside the issue. What I and others take exception to we had endorsed such a step, when a vote of the council had not been taken and she was entirely unauthorized to speak for us. In this contention I was supported by every member save Mrs. Trumbull."

## Eventually the debate subsided when it became manifest that the council could take no action against the measure, inasmuch as Mrs. Mary Mallett, representing the Women's Christian Temperance Union, was in-

## WR BET WARREN COULD LICK 'EM IF HE TRIED.



## REPRESENTATIONS MADE AT SALEM CHALLENGED

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