

CHILD IS KIDNAPED; FATHER IS SOUGHT

Baby Is Taken Away Two Days Before Christmas.

GIFT IS SENT MOTHER

Ex-Husband Pays \$10 in Letter Wishing Grief-Stricken Woman Merry Christmas.

This is a story of a man who kidnaped his own daughter two days before Christmas, vanished with her and sent the mother of his child, his divorced wife, a check for \$10 in a letter wishing her a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Police to Set Scenes. Dramatists would doubtless speak of the kidnaping for so it is, as a crisis in a domestic drama of the garden variety. The denouement is yet to come.

Tree Awails Return. A Christmas tree awaited Muriel's return that night. It still awaits her.

Monopoly Thought Clew. Only one explanation of this situation can be given, these citizens assert, and that is to give bootlegging klanism a monopoly of the bootlegging business.

It is toward business charged. "You ruined me in business twice before; but my destination will forever keep you from troubling me further."

Child Goes Home Crying. Two weeks ago little Muriel, worried in her small way as always by the strange and unnatural feeling between her and her father, came home from her weekly visit with Rouse weeping.

MURDER WITNESS FOUND (Continued From First Page.) The chief operator of the federal agents carried a large portfolio which, the klanmen believed, contained evidence against those implicated in the kidnaping and murder of F. W. Daniels and T. F. Richards.

MURDER PLOT REPORTED. Falling to get a line on the investigators, klanmen deliberately plotted to kidnap them, seize their portfolio containing evidence and murder of F. W. Daniels and T. F. Richards.

Portland and vicinity Tuesday occasional rain; southerly winds. Oregon coast Tuesday occasional rain; fresh to strong southerly winds.

HERRIN SLAUGHTER MAY GO UNPUNISHED

Conviction of Mine Murderers Held Unlikely.

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THE ROPE WAS TIED AND THEY MARCHED DOWN THE ROAD AGAIN.

One Saved by Agility.

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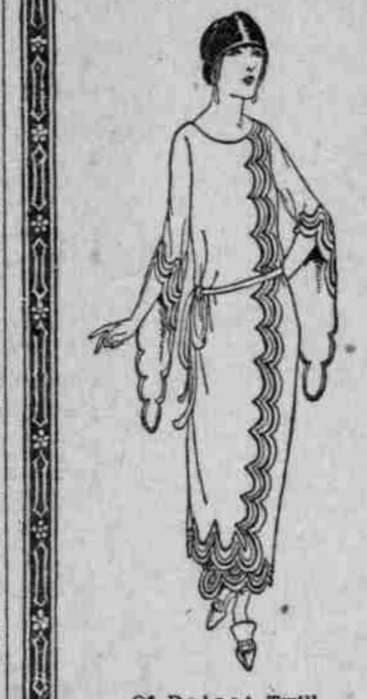
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Clearance of Berg's New Coats and Frocks Drastic Reductions

We opened our Dress and Coat Departments so late in the Fall that every single garment in our stocks is of new and popular style. The department has steadily gained in popularity because the garments are so carefully chosen and prices are so moderate. Despite these facts, however, we are compelled to make room for incoming merchandise which is about due from the east—hence these drastic reductions for immediate clearance.



Of Poiret Twill, the uneven hemlines and scalloped braid outlined and individual sleeves make this distinctive. Formerly \$49.50. Now \$24.75.

FROCKS

Such variety of style, excellence of workmanship and moderateness of price are seldom combined. Every frock new, desirable and greatly reduced!

- One Group formerly \$12.75 \$7.45
Wool sponge and jersey frocks in several smart styles and a variety of colors.
\$29 to \$32.50 Wools or Silk \$24.75
Frocks of silk and lace combined, Cantons with faggoting and very smart Poiret twill frocks.
\$47.50 to \$52.50 Values at \$39.50
Charming Cantons, Velvets and Crepes in every new and wanted style. Many with the new Bertha collars so smart!
\$75 to \$79.50 Models for \$59.50
Included are exquisite chiffon velvets, flat crepes and novelty silks. And handsome flare skirt Poiret Twills.



The lovely lace Bertha of Venice pattern, the soft brown chiffon velvet, the entirely new and smart style combine to make this becoming. Formerly \$49.50. Now \$39.50.

COATS

There's a certain smartness about Coats in Berg's that distinguishes them instantly. All these are now offered at reductions!

- To \$19.85 Utility & Sports Coats \$9.85
The sort of value that doesn't come often in the coat season. Sports and general utility models.
To \$29.50 Coats Reduced to \$19.75
Bolivias and other woolen fabrics, lined with satin de chine. Some with embroidery on sleeves. Others with fur collars.
To \$37.50 Fur Trimm'd Coats \$29.75
Normandy and bolivia coats, plain tailored or with broad trimming. Many nutria collars. Full lines.
To \$95 Models Reduced to \$59.50
The most amazingly good-looking coats at this special price. Handsome deep pile fabrics with squirrel and wolf collars.



This handsome deep pile coat with its beautiful wolf collar and rich lining is indeed a remarkable example of reductions! It was \$95—now \$59.50.

Charles F. Berg Formerly known as Lennon's

state interest. Other measures include provision for a eugenics law; to devise ways and means of raising money to retire the \$61,596,000 state bonded indebtedness without adding to the tax burden on real property, and to make insanity grounds for divorce.

Autoist Hurt in 200-Foot Dive. LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25.—A man believed to be Henry Otterbein was injured probably fatally today when the automobile he was driving, after a collision with another machine, fell 200 feet over a cliff in Elysian park.

Kelso Tract Is Sold. KELSO, Wash., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—David Wilson, a prominent realtor of Spokane, purchased what is known as the Island, formerly owned by the Wallace Land company, from J. S. Robb this week. The place contains about 35 acres and adjoins Long's addition to Kelso. Mr. Wilson plans to plant it.

Kelso Mill Stock Bought. KELSO, Wash., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Glenn Burck last week purchased the 49 shares of stock of the Crescent Shingle company owned by the Joe Tardy estate. The par value of this stock is \$2000, but it is said to be worth several times that amount.

January Clearance Sales of Men's Clothing Begin at 9:15 A. M. Today

FOR MEN: THE GREAT ANNUAL CLOTHING CLASSIC 2500 Suits-Overcoats \$32 Regular 40 to 65 Values See Page 7-This Section

Note: Men's Store Opens at 9:15 A. M. Meier & Frank's Third Floor. (Mail Orders Filled.) Take Any Elevator or Escalator

MARY PICKFORD Shows Starting 11 A. M., 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 P. M. EARLY SHOWS ADVISABLE

BLUE MOUSE Portland's Only Independent First-Run Theater