

PORTLAND SWEEP BY CRIME WAVE

Criminals Have Been Busy
During August and but Few
Have Been Caught.

EXPERT CROOKS AT WORK

Manner in Which Depredations Are
Committed Indicate That Police
Must Cope With Profession-
als in Evil-Doing.

Six holdups, one disastrous attempt to blow a safe, 15 robberies, and scores of petty depredations committed during the past 23 days mark the first ebb of the wave of crime which threatens to break over the city at any hour. This record has completely bewildered the police. Every precaution has been taken to check the rampage of the criminals, but so far without result. Each of the crimes has been perpetrated in such a manner as to leave little or no clue to the guilty persons. The natural conclusion is that the criminals are the work of the horde of professional criminals who now infest the city.

Seldom before in the history of the local police department has crime gained such a firm foothold as at the present. Although the department of police is apparently capable to a man, yet, notwithstanding that fact, it is unable to cope with the situation.

In the residence portions of the city homes of many citizens have become the goal of the "housebreaker." In various points of the business district men have been compelled to respond to the commands of the criminals. In the streets pedestrians have been "stuck up" at the point of guns and divested of their valuables. Various subterfuges have been resorted to by the crooks to accomplish their ends. Evidence has been gained that even women have been involved in some of the crimes.

Many Theories Advanced.

Theories innumerable have been advanced by those in authority as possible explanations of the sudden influx of criminals into Portland. That the city has been the objective point for the thousands of tourists who visited here during the past few months is regarded as a plausible motive. The notoriety given the city through the recent controversy over a red-light district is also suggested as causing Portland to become the destination of swarms of criminals. The A-Y-P Fair at Seattle is also said to have served as a magnet toward attracting the undesirable.

The clan, which is comprised of adept swindlers, "mollifiers," "daylight workers," "stickups," "flimflammers," "boosters" and nearly every other character of criminals known in police circles, has indeed found Portland a fruitful pasture during the past three weeks. The extent of its operations during that period is unknown. Scores of depredations have come to the surface, leaving absolutely no trace of their perpetrators in many instances, yet invariably displaying all the earmarks of professionalism.

All the patrolmen detailed on relief from police headquarters are daily emphatically cautioned to be on the watch for the culprits. Suspicious characters are constantly being picked up and sent to jail on minor detention charges. By this method the police are endeavoring to retard the activities of the crooks and link the prisoners with the crimes that come before their notice.

Two Thugs Are Caught.

The first swell of the "crime wave" came on the night of August 5, when "Tom" O'Rourke, a day laborer, was waylaid with a continental reputation for his depredations, held up and robbed by J. Edwin Campbell, a local capitalist. John W. O'Rourke, a Portland youth, whom O'Rourke had under tutelage, assisted in the crime and shared in the \$1000 worth of plunder divested from their victim. Both O'Rourke and Campbell were subsequently captured and confessed their guilt. They are now awaiting sentence.

Twelve hours afterward John Melser, a saloonkeeper at Twenty-first and Division streets, was held up by a lone highwayman at the point of a gun. The robber rifled the cash register and secured \$25. His actions and manner of escape evinced professionalism. His identity is still unknown.

Practically the same tactics were adopted by two men who entered the saloon of P. H. Lutkemeler, at 49 Union avenue, shortly after midnight on August 17. The robbers made their escape easily with \$50 in cash and three watches, taken from the proprietor and his customers. The efforts of a gang of yeggmen to crack the safe in the office of the Doernbecher manufacturing establishment were cut short by the timely appearance of the police on the night of August 15. The gang, believed to be of four members, is still at large.

The police have been asked by a score of customers of a former Stark-street cleaning establishment to locate various garments stolen by a pair of thieves in unique manner. Twelve suits of clothes were taken to the "cleaners." The clothes and cleaners are missing. The brief space of time the establishment was operated and the manner applied in securing the plunder show expert work.

Thieves Work in Daylight.

A dozen petty thefts made by "daylight workers" and housebreakers caused much activity in the detective department. Loot ranging from dentists' gold crowns and fillings to wearing apparel and jewelry have been reported by victims. Even river pirates have been active and successful in their operations. The elaborate yacht Vanna, owned by P. N. Taylor, 308 Worcester building, was stripped of its contents on the night of August 5 as it lay at anchor near Bundy's Baths. No trace has been secured of the thieves, who carried away over \$700 in wearing apparel and a silver plate.

Probably the most brazen "trick" to come before the notice of the police department was the robbery of the home of J. W. Gilkyson, at 104 Thurman street, Tuesday afternoon, while the family was absent. Over \$3000 worth of jewelry was carried away by thieves, who entered the house with skeleton keys, and of whom the police have no trace.

Burglars succeeded in inveigling George Cowton, an unsophisticated farmer from Grand Island, Neb., into a game by which they succeeded in "gilding" him out of a sum of money on August 15. The "con" men are still at large.

Frank Hogan, a transient in the city, late last Wednesday night, was held up by three bold highwaymen within a few blocks of police headquarters. He donated \$45 and a watch to the coffers of the crooks. A few nights before, William Woipie, a Pine-street locksmith, was compelled to hand over his watch and small change to a brace of highwaymen, who accosted him with guns near the Jewish Cemetery.

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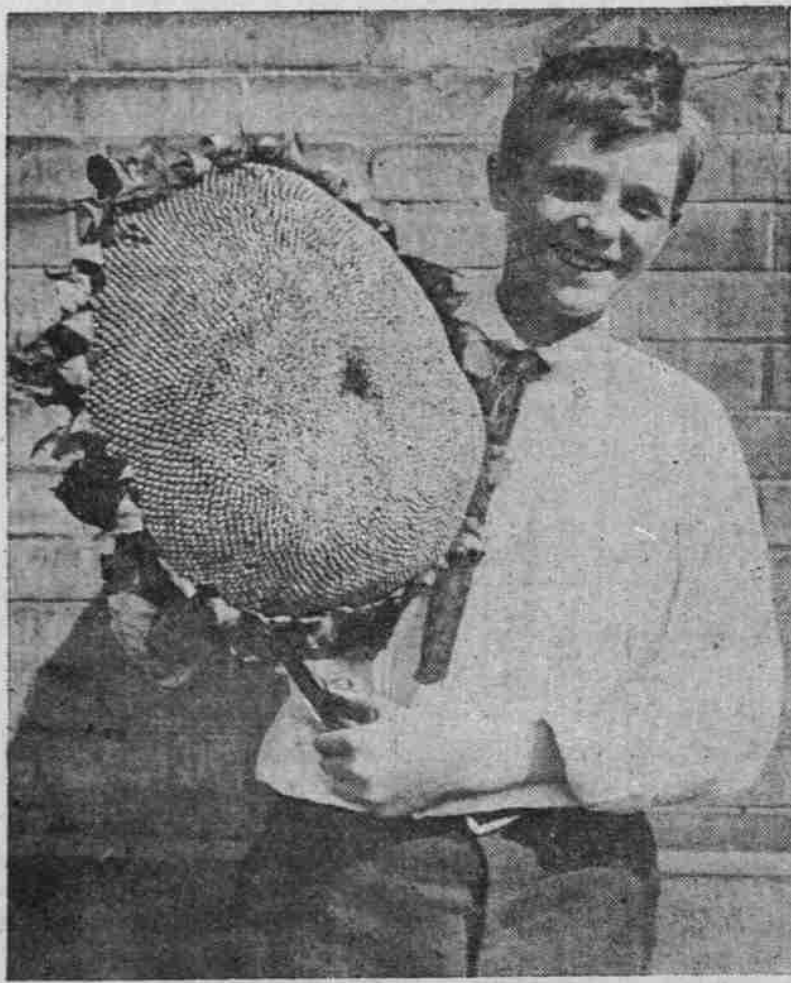
Mayor Simon will reward every contractor on public work who finishes jobs in time and in good condition by prompt payments for the work. This is to be

the policy of the administration, and is a part of the announced determination to compel lower prices and first-class workmanship in every instance. By the speedy payment in full to contractors upon finished work, the Mayor believes they can afford to submit better bids and save the property-owners large sums of money.

"My idea is that it costs contractors altogether too much for interest on borrowed capital," said Mayor Simon, yesterday, in discussing his new plan for rewarding worthy contractors. "I propose to inaugurate at once a system of prompt payments for prompt contractors. I want every contractor to have his money just as soon as the contract is completed and the work accepted. The city should not hold up money that belongs to the contractors, but should pay it at once, providing the work is satisfactory and that it is completed within time. I believe that by doing this it will save the contractors large sums of money for interest on borrowed capital, which will, in turn, be saved to the property-owners."

Contractors in Portland have long complained of slow payment for public work by the city, and have openly declared that they figure about 15 per cent for tardy payments, caused by the general slow policy of the Council and Executive Board in ordering warrants for im-

JUVENILE GARDENER RAISES RECORD BLOSSOM.



SUNFLOWER GROWN BY ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD HAROLD JENSEN.
The sunflower shown in the illustration was raised by Harold Jensen, son of J. P. Jensen, 224 East Sixteenth street. Harold is 11 years old and has been very successful as a gardener in the lot back of the Jensen residence. The sunflower is one of unusual size; it measures 15 inches across and weighs about 12 pounds. Harold did not count the seeds, but thought there were enough to feed a flock of chickens for a week or so. The leaves on the stalk measured two feet across.

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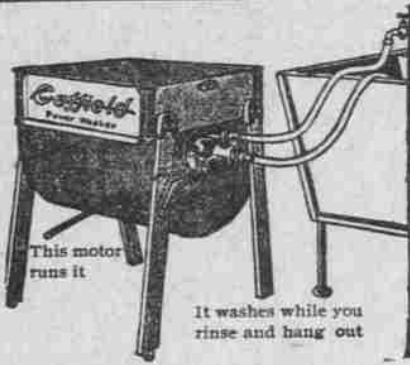
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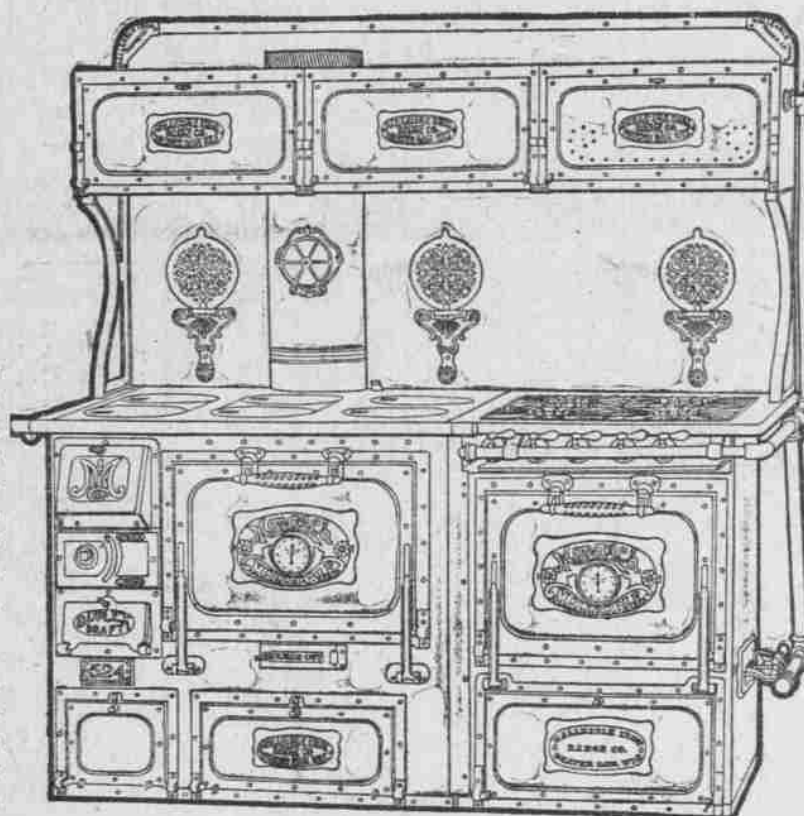
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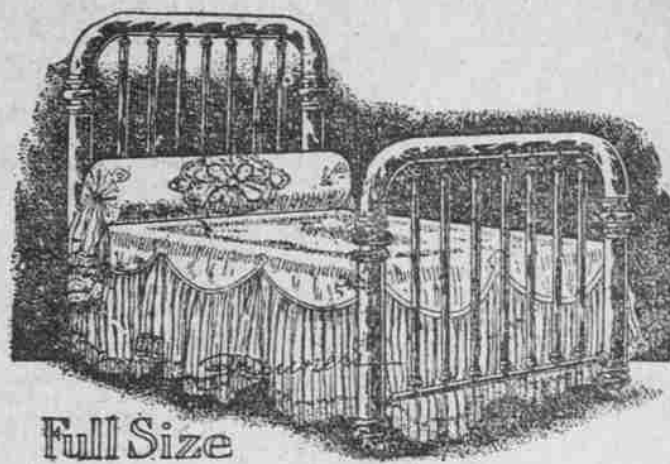
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Mayor Simon is insisting on lower rates for all kinds of improvement work, and because of this policy, states that he proposes to see to it that the city does all it can to assist in this reform. If by prompt payments for public work prices can be lowered by the saving of many thousands of dollars annually to contractors, he will see to it that it is done.

HISTORIC HOUSE TORN DOWN

Chateau de Madrid Where Mlle. de Charolais Entertained Louis XV.

PARIS, Aug. 28.—(Special.)—Orders have been given for the demolition of an old landmark in the Bois de Boulogne, known as the Chateau de Madrid. It is a two-story house of modest dimensions and in the days of Louis XV was a fashionable rendezvous. Its most celebrated occupant was the beautiful Mlle. de Charolais, at whom Voltaire wrote four mischievous lines. Her portrait in miniature was painted on a snuffbox by Boucher, who represented her with the girle of a Cordelier friar and in the brown Franciscan habit. She sent the box to the King and to her rival, Mlle. de Mailly.

But the rivalry between them could not have been very keen as they remained good friends, and while the King entertained at the Muette she gave famous dinners and suppers at the Chateau de Madrid in honor of Mlle. de Mailly. In subsequent years there were many other dinners and revels in the little old house.

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