

SEEKING SWINDLE  
IS ANOTHER SCOTCHMAN

Search Made for Man Who  
Opened Three Offices.

MONEY IS POURING IN

Mystery Surrounds Disappearance  
Following Passing of Alleged  
Worthless Checks.

Did one Milton C. Lenoir, 42, weighing 250 pounds and always a wearer of white socks, set in motion in Portland a sweeping bunco game, designed to garner unearned coin from every state west of the Mississippi river?

Lenoir is not on hand to answer this question of a staff of detectives and a group of postal investigators.

Lenoir put in a very busy month from October 11 to November 12, the date he dropped out of sight. On that date he came to his office in the McKay building and told the two stenographers there that he would have to be out of town for a few days, going to Astoria, and that in case he did not return by the following Monday a Mr. Eddy of the Chicago office would appear and take charge. Mr. Eddy has never made his appearance.

The description of Lenoir which has been furnished to the postal inspectors is that of a man about 45 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches in height, weighed 225 pounds, had dark hair and eyes, was smooth shaven, "knock-kneed," wore a blue serge suit, low cut shoes and always wore white socks that were very noticeable. He also had a black overcoat and a black soft hat. It would have been one of those magnificent, judging from the swarm of letters now at hand.

In addition to settlement on the checks held by the Peoples bank, it was said that the printing firms from which he obtained immense quantities of literature want payment for the supplies. Whether or not payment for the great number of advertisements sent from his office to hundreds of newspapers west of the Mississippi has not been checked by the investigators.

The stenographers told the investigators that when a prospect called at the office instead of writing, Lenoir tendered him an application for bond with the Fidelity & Deposit company of Maryland, an existent and reputable concern. They charged, however, that such applications were not sent to the Maryland company.

Explainers Are Wanted  
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All these matters he would be asked to explain, in addition to his dealings with the bank.

That Lenoir here laid plans for swagging in thousands of dollars from half the United States is directly charged by the local office of the Pinkerton detective agency, which has been seeking him since November 12. His use of the United States mails is being thoroughly investigated by the postal authority, who may also take action. They say they can see no possible explanation by the missing man of the remittances flooding one of his offices represented returns from honorable dealings.

Three Offices Opened.  
In getting the stage for his enterprise Lenoir is accused by the detectives of having opened three different offices in Portland and to have employed two different names. The detectives said last night that he posed as M. C. Lenoir, manager of a branch of the Continental Adjustment company, in one of the offices in the McKay building; as Charles Martin, local manager of the Pacific Fidelity & Surety company, in an office in the Mackay building, and also rented a music studio in the Tilford building, where he was said to have been frequently seen with women clients whose voices he said he was testing prior to sending them on tour with a concert company.

The alleged story of the case, on which the detective agency bases its accusations, is that Lenoir last night set forth hereafter:

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Two Stenographers Hired.  
On October 12 Lenoir hired two stenographers, through an agency, and sent them to work compiling a list of all newspapers having more than 1000 circulation that were published west of the Mississippi river and sent them, with a check for \$100, to the McKay building, which he ordered run for 10 days, as follows:

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understood to have said that she saw Lenoir making one of the checks. Both were purported to have come from distant cities.

The third phase of Lenoir's activities is now being traced. Soon after the local office was closed a letter came to Lenoir enclosing a key to an office in the Tilford building. The letter was signed by Mrs. Lillian Nelson Cole of Harrisburg, Or., and in it she mentioned plans for a concert tour. The manager of the Tilford building stated that she had answered Lenoir's description, rented an office there October 15 for one month, stating that he wanted to test some voices. He was said to have been a frequent visitor to the studio, often in the company of women.

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Postal Agents Investigating.  
Had Lenoir asked the applicant for the \$5 bonding fee at once the operative ones engaged in investigating the case say they would not hold any doubt as to his intentions in this enterprise, but the 80-cent fees are coming into the offices by hundreds there being bushels of letters there unopened that are being investigated by the postal and Pinkerton agents, with more arriving by every mail.

Lenoir opened his first bank account as manager of the adjustment company and another was said to be under an alias of Charles Martin for the bonding concern. Immediately, the bank reported, he sent two checks through, the first drawn on the Los Angeles Trust company for \$200 and signed by J. T. M. Castro, and the other on the Omaha National bank for \$100 and signed Clarence B. Goudy, both of which names were afterwards found appended to applications for positions with the supposed collection agency.

HORSE SHOW WINNERS  
ARE WON BY WOMEN

Mrs. Maxwell, Miss McCormick Carry Away Laurels.

15-YEAR-OLD GIRL IDOL

Doris Oxley McCleave Before 60,000 Clears Bars at 6 Feet 8 Inches in High Jump.

Mrs. Grace Maxwell of Denver, Colo., and Miss Hilda McCormick of Pasadena, Cal., shared the honors with the grand championships as the final performance of the horse show that has been the nightly feature of the Pacific International Livestock exposition this week.

Mrs. Maxwell, showing Nait McDougall's Sterling Duke most effectively, landed him champion three-gaited saddle horse of the show. Miss McCormick, riding as she has never ridden before in Portland and as few women can ride, put R. L. English's Boulder over the jumps in such impressive fashion that his winning the championship was unquestionable on performance alone even were he much less than the great horse.

Exhibition Seldom Witnessed.  
In the five-gaited saddle championship class Miss McCormick showed Mr. English's Coquette in marvelous fashion. Such an exhibition, horse and rider both considered, is seldom witnessed in the ring and will never be forgotten by those who could appreciate its perfection. Coquette, however, could only place as reserve champion Mrs. Wayne W. Keyes' Hildare as champion.

Miss Harriet Leach, soloist last night with J. D. Farrell's jaunting car, was charmingly and warmly received by the crowd of 6500 that just comfortably filled the building.

15-Year-Old Girl Idol.  
Fifteen-year-old Doris Oxley McCleave, idol of the 60,000 visitors at the night horse show for the last two years, repeated last year's surprise feat by clearing the bars at 6 feet 8 inches, some 6 inches better than last year's record, and considering the dark-footing, a very good performance. It is the highest jump that has ever been made in the ring even in practice.

Lord Nelson, owned by Mrs. Wayne W. Keyes of Tacoma, was awarded the reserve championship. Sterling Duke, Old Glory, Hildare, Boulder, Sir Sidney and Flying Fox have been the sensational performers of the week.

Night Show Success.  
The night horse show has been a success from every standpoint. The crowd that filled the arena, J. D. Farrell's Old Glory, given by his owner, continued his clean score of victories for the week by taking the championship in the heavy harness class.

Reds Resume Attacks  
Bolshevik Capture Borgia in Eastern Siberia.

Campaign to Destroy Chita Republic Started and Drift Is Begun Against Semenov Forces.

PEKING, Nov. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—The bolsheviks have resumed their attacks against the anti-bolshevik forces in eastern Siberia and many of his troops have been captured.

WOMAN KILLED BY TRAIN  
Mrs. Addie Strange Is Run Down While Crossing Track.

Mrs. Mary Addie Strange, 44, wife of Samuel Strange of Lucerne station, was instantly killed at 4:19 P. M. yesterday when she was struck by Spokane, Portland & Seattle passenger train No. 28 at Band Spur, near Linton, Or.

INDIA GETS 100 PLANES  
Conditional Gift Is Made by British Government.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—The British government has presented to the government of India 100 De Havilland and Avro airplanes, according to reports to the department of commerce.

CHINESE SON DISLIKED  
Father of White Girl Married to Oriental Asks Annulment.

intermarriage between a Chinese and white, Amel Olson of Troy filed suit today in district court seeking to annul the marriage of his daughter, Vida, to Willie Fong, Chinese cook at a local restaurant. Fong became acquainted with the girl while she was a waitress at the cafe where he was cook, and after an acquaintance of a month the couple were married last Tuesday by a justice of the peace.

SENATOR FALL IS BARRED  
ATTITUDE TOWARD MEXICO REACTS AGAINST SOLON.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Mexican consular agents on the border, it was said today at the Mexican embassy, have been directed by Roberto V. Pequeira, Mexican confidential agent in the United States, not to vize the passport of Senator Fall of New Mexico for the senator's proposed visit to Mexico to attend the inauguration of President-elect Obregon on December 1.

Information at the embassy was that Mr. Pequeira's action was predicated upon what was regarded by him as the interventionist attitude of Senator Fall, who is chairman of the senate sub-committee which for upwards of a year has been investigating conditions in Mexico.

It was denied at the embassy that Mr. Pequeira also had ordered the consular agents not to vize the passports of Governor Hobby of Texas and Colonel F. A. Chapa of San Antonio, who also planned to attend the inauguration of General Obregon.

PANGING PLAYERS TAKEN  
Charge of Gambling Is Placed Against 13 Members of Club.

Panging proved an unlucky game for 13 members of the London Development club last night. It landed them in jail on a charge of gambling. The club, which occupies a room in the Buchanan building, was raided by Sergeant Sherwood and a squad of patrolmen. Chips and cards were seized as evidence and the authorities state that an effort will be made to show that the players, through a secret understanding, cashed in on the chips outside the club following close of play.

Ed A. Brown and Ray Sexton were charged with conducting a gambling game, while the others were thought to be participants only.

DIAMOND PLOT SCENTED  
Gang Suspected of Trying to Smuggle Gems Into America.

LONDON, Nov. 20.—(Special cable.)—Agents of the United States treasury abroad are trying, with the assistance of Walter Calmer of Ottawa, a Canadian police organization, to trace a gang suspected of trying to smuggle into America diamonds of great value. Some clues lead to Scandinavia, especially to Sweden, which lends color to the belief that efforts are being made to send large numbers of diamonds and other precious stones from Soviet Russia to the United States.

It is believed the gang's intervenor is to try to smuggle the gems by trusted messengers.

HOLD-UP PAIR SOUGHT  
C. O. Rorkey Robbed; Alleged Army Deserters Arrested.

C. O. Rorkey, 206 Union avenue north, reported to the police last night that he was held up at 10 o'clock at Union avenue and Holladay avenue just after alighting from a street car. One man covered him with a revolver while the other robbed him. Their haul was \$175.

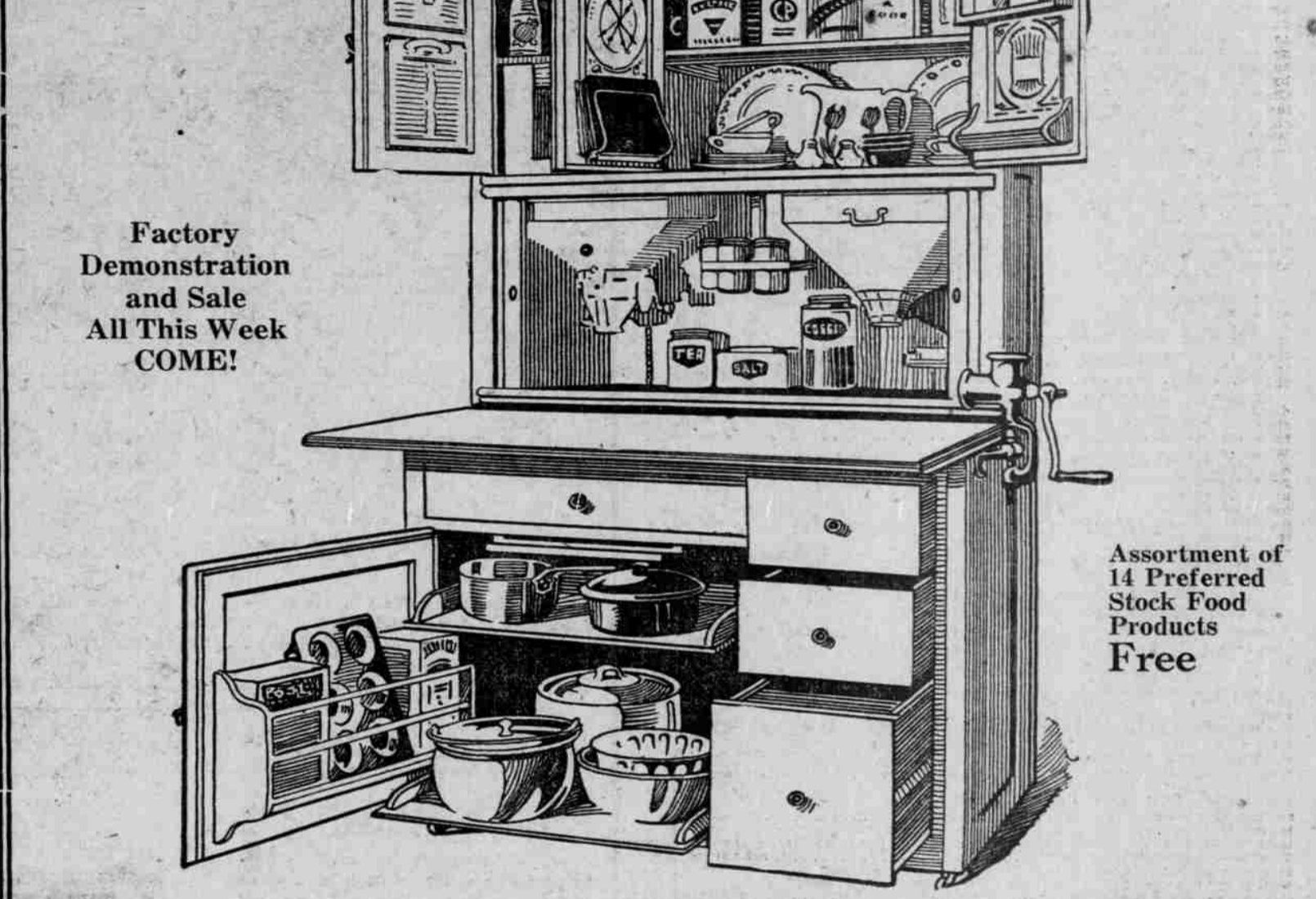
While searching for the robbers motorcycle patrolmen today took two suspects to headquarters who are alleged to be deserters from the army. They were crowded by Lawrence M. Jones, 19, said to have been members of battery D, 5th coast artillery corps. Both were held in the city jail and officers at Camp Lewis notified.

Soviets Defeat Ukrainians.  
LONDON, Nov. 20.—Capture of Proskuriv in Podolia, 50 miles north of Kamenez-Podolski by Russian soviet troops, operating against the Ukrainians, is announced in a Warsaw wireless dispatch today.

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