

MASKED FOOTPADS HOLD UP WOMAN

Point Revolvers at Her Head and Compel Her to Give Up Purse and Keys.

POLICE OBTAIN NO CLUE TO BAD MEN

Department of Criminal Investigation Receives Many Reports of Crimes Against Property—Marian Angiech Loses Coin.

There is no diminution in the number of reports received by the bureau of criminal investigation. Another hold-up was added last night to the already lengthy list of crimes of this character, but the detectives have been unable to apprehend the highwaymen responsible.

Miss Henrietta Rode, 853 Malinda avenue, while on her way homeward at 8 o'clock last night, was stopped on Twentieth and Hoyt streets by two masked footpads and relieved of her purse containing 50 cents and a few keys. Both men were armed with revolvers of large caliber and their features were concealed beneath the folds of white handkerchiefs. After securing Miss Rode's reticule they took to their heels and disappeared in the darkness. Two detectives were detailed to make an investigation, but were unable to find a trace of the criminals.

Marian Angiech, 292 Barnside street, has reported to the police the loss of a check of \$50 in gold coin and a check on a Chicago bank for \$40. Angiech states that he visited the Quimby house bar, 21 North Fourth street, about 4 o'clock Monday afternoon to purchase a glass of beer. From the hotel he went directly to his room and upon arriving there found the check missing. Prior to visiting the saloon he was shaved in a barber shop in the hotel, but does not know in which place he lost the coin. An investigation is being made by the police.

Ed Erickson, employed on the Port of Portland dredge, has notified the authorities that \$40 in cash and a Port of Portland check for \$50 was taken from his room at Water and East Washington streets yesterday night. Erickson was considerably under the influence of liquor upon retiring and consequently is unable to give the police any information that would lead to the capture of the thief.

F. L. Sanders, 146 1/2 First street, complains that a sneak thief entered his room Sunday night and carried away a new suit of clothes valued at \$45 and a cravat overcoat of the value of \$15.

Frank Potter, 377 Sherman street, mourns the loss of \$62 stolen from his room some time last Sunday night. The money was wrapped in an old tobacco pouch and secreted in one of his pockets.

E. D. Schauen, a grocer of 641 First street, complains that a man supposed to be A. B. Palmer passed a worthless check for \$15 on him. Several other reports of Palmer's bogus check operations have been received by the police and the detectives are making a strenuous effort to locate the fellow.

JAPANESE LIKELY TO RECOVER

Servant Shot by Mistake Will Make Statement Today If Strong Enough.

Although in a precarious condition, Ara Takashima, the Japanese servant employed in the home of G. L. Zahn, who was mistaken for a burglar late Sunday night and shot by the friend Arthur McEwan, has a chance for recovery, according to the surgeons at St. Vincent's hospital.

Takashima was visited by Deputy District Attorney Adams yesterday and although unable to make a lengthy statement, owing to his enfeebled condition, in a measure corroborated McEwan's story of the shooting by declaring that he thought he was wounded through a mistake. If the wounded man is stronger today a full statement of the affair will be secured by the authorities. Chief of Police Grimbacher and the detectives detailed to make an investigation give it as their opinion that McEwan's story of the tragedy is true. The failure of any member of the Zahn family to notify the police of the matter is regarded as peculiar, but it is thought that it was their desire to keep the affair secret owing to the notoriety that would result. The case was first reported to the police Monday afternoon by two Japanese friends of the wounded man and Sergeant Basy detailed to make an investigation. Considerable excitement was caused in the Japanese colony over the affair.

EXPRESS OFFICIAL ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

New York, Dec. 26.—(Journal Special Service.) An official of the American Express company, this afternoon went to the office of the United States Express company, sent the agent on an errand and shot himself twice in the head in view of people on the street inflicting a probably fatal wound. The reason for the act is unknown. Brown handled no money for either company.

NOTICE OF DEATH OF BERESFORD'S BROTHER

Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—The British embassy was today officially notified of the death in the wreck at Engerlin, North Dakota, of Delaval Beresford, brother of Lord Beresford, admiral of the British navy. The embassy has called for instructions.

Scrofula Makes its presence known by many signs, glandular tumors, bunces in the neck, cutaneous eruptions, inflamed eyelids, sore ears, catarrh and wasting diseases. Hood's Sarsaparilla Effects permanent cures.

THE PRESIDENT'S DEAR MARIA



It is given to few women to create as much of a sensation as has been created by Mrs. Bellamy Storer, whose picture is herewith printed. Mrs. Storer's activity in behalf of the candidacy of Archbishop Ireland for a cardinalate, led to the retirement of her husband from the diplomatic service, and this has brought about a controversy between the Storers and President Roosevelt in which the entire country has been interested.

ASSESSOR SIGLER

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be proportionately lower, and second, by the mayor, who will have a great deal to do with the spending of the money to be raised by the 5.7 mills levy proposed by the ways and means committee of the council.

Mr. Sigler does not believe any levy should be made greater than 5 mills. He served more than two years in the council of 1902-5, and he cannot see how the expenses of the city can have increased in 1907 to within \$50,000 of twice the amount of the expenditures in 1905. There is no reason for the high levy, he says, and the ways and means committee should never have recommended it. If the council adopts the recommendation, well, Mr. Sigler did not say what he would do, but a significant wink might be interpreted to mean either that no coming council will ever get a high assessment roll from him unless he has a signed agreement that the levy will not exceed 5 mills, or that he would support any movement for an amendment to the charter fixing the maximum levy the council may make at 5 mills. Through the initiative and referendum, such an amendment could be submitted to the voters at the election next June.

Says City Needs It.

Mayor Lane differs from Assessor Sigler. He says the city needs every cent of the money proposed to be raised. Besides the increase in the salaries, necessitated by the increased cost of living, there are other things which the city should buy, but which the ways and means committee did not specify in the budget. "If I knew what these things are that the city has to buy I wouldn't kick," remarked Sigler grimly. "What are they, anyhow? No Christmas trees going about, are there? There is nothing according to the budget that the city needs that requires the taxpayers to dig down in their pockets and hand over \$949,000. There are a lot of things I recognize. We want more street cleaning and better, too. We want more street sprinkling in summer time. We want better fire and police protection. The salaries of all city employees should be raised in proportion to the increased cost of living. But all these needs can be supplied through the levy of a 5-mill tax. The collections from such a levy would, if judiciously expended, leave a balance in the treasury at the end of the year. The city had \$485,000 to spend in 1907, \$493,000 in 1904, \$499,000 in 1905 and \$485,000 this year. The city got along very comfortably with these amounts and it can also from the collections from a 5-mill tax—that is, if the council and the mayor are careful about expenditures for incidentals.

Wants Lower Rate.

"I am satisfied," concluded Mr. Sigler, with an emphatic stamp upon his knee, "that if the ways and means committee of the council were looking after the interests of a private corporation they would not make a levy of more than 5 mills."

"In making its budget the committee did not appear to have any desire to be extravagant," said Mayor Harry Lane. "I was not at all the sessions of the committee. I saw only the closing part of the work, and there was no desire to waste money, so far as I could see. Many things were cut out of the budget that I thought should have found a place there."

"The levy recommended is not too high. Portland has outgrown her facilities. Our police are too few, and we are unable to get more because the sort of men we need can get more pay from private corporations. The ordinance fixes the total number of police—chief, detectives, captains, station officers, desk sergeants, clerks, etc.—at 119, and we have only 108. The chief wants 150 men. The fire department is short of men. Firemen are leaving because they can get better pay at other occupations. It was impossible to get men for the street-cleaning department at \$2 a day, because good men could get \$2.50 from contractors. We raised the pay to \$2.25 a day, but we find laborers scarce. We need an east side police station. We also need an emergency hospital. Sick men and men injured by accidents are now carried to the jail in the patrol

LOSS PURCHASES CRAVATH'S SHARE

Several Changes Are Made in Ownership of Coos Bay Railroad Project.

The interest of E. M. Cravath of New York in the Drain-Coos Bay railroad construction contract has been purchased by C. E. Loss. Mr. Cravath, who was in charge of the construction, has returned to New York, but retains his interest in and the vice-presidency of the C. E. Loss company of California. Two well known Utah men have purchased from Mr. Loss his half interest in the Drain-Coos Bay contract.

The new members are H. P. Clark, cashier of the Salt Lake Commercial National bank, and Thomas Owen, a prominent contractor, who has been carrying on construction of the Utah and Idaho government in Idaho and Utah. Mr. Owen had a sub-contract on the Coos Bay line, and on Mr. Cravath's retirement from active work he and his associate, Mr. Clark, went over the lines and decided to take an interest. They came to Portland Monday with a proposition and it was yesterday accepted by Mr. Loss, who says he desires to devote his entire time for the next six months to construction of the Utah and Idaho government's lines, which will in a short time be satisfactorily financed.

Mr. Owen will be in charge on the ground for the new firm of Loss, Owen & Clark in connection with the Coos Bay line. T. J. Tobin, formerly superintendent of construction, who retired under Mr. Cravath's administration, was today reinstated in his former position and will be Mr. Loss' representative on the ground. The section of the road now under contract to the firm amounts to \$1,500,000 and will be pushed to completion within the next 10 months. The large transfer yards at Drain are now practically completed. The work has been done at various points for 40 miles. Three tunnels in the Coast range have been opened at each end and forces of men with drills and dynamite are now at work installing with the first break of spring grading and rock work will be resumed all along the line.

CAR JUMPS RAILS; MOTORMAN HURT

Brakebar Strikes E. Coffin Over Heart, Causing Serious Injuries.

E. Coffin, a motorman on the Waverly-Richmond line of the Portland Railway Light & Power company was seriously injured this morning at East Twenty-seventh and Clinton streets as the result of the derailment of the car on which he was stationed. Coffin was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital after the accident, where it was found upon examination that he had sustained a fracture of several ribs and possible internal injuries.

At the intersection of the two streets named, the double tracks converge and along the remainder of the line the cars are operated over a single track. As the car in charge of Coffin crossed the switch the wheels from some unknown cause left the rails. Coffin immediately applied the brakes and brought the car to a sudden stop. In some manner the brake ratchet failed to hold and the heavy brake handle whirled around with great force, striking Coffin directly over the heart.

The motorman, stunned by the blow, fell to the platform and the conductor of the car hastened to his side. Dr. Pantou, the railway company's surgeon, was summoned, and upon his arrival Coffin was placed aboard a car and rushed with all speed to the hospital. No particulars were done in the case of the derailment of the coach and the passengers escaped uninjured.

ACTRESS CLAIMS HALF OF GARDINER ESTATE

Gardiner's First Wife Yields Evidence to Claimant, Carri Swain.

(Journal Special Service.) Boston, Dec. 26.—A cablegram from Paris says that a new phase of a sensational will case will appear in court as soon as Actress Carri Swain, formerly widely known on the western circuit, seeks to establish her claim that she has been greatly wronged in the distribution of the Gardiner estate. She has just secured possession of letters which her counsel, Buddington & Bartlett, are confident will establish her claim to half the fortune of Frank Gardiner, the theatrical manager. These letters, her lawyers say, prove that Miss Swain was Gardiner's legal partner in creating his wealth.

She obtained the letters through Gardiner's first wife, Annie Graham Gardiner, who generously gave over the evidence to the woman who also claims she was married to Gardiner.

HALT CALLED ON STOCK WATERING

(Journal Special Service.) St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 26.—The state today, through Attorney-General Young, filed injunction proceedings against the Great Northern to restrain it from making its proposed issue of new stock of \$50,000,000. It is claimed the state railroad and warehouse commission should have been consulted, and that increase of stock can only be made by authority of the commission. It is alleged that interest accruing as a fixed charge falls as a burden upon the people and that it is illegal for any corporation to go on indefinitely increasing its capital stock at will.

Attention Misunderstood.

At a fete to the working girls of the east end, London, the bishop of London went around among the guests endeavoring to put them at ease. His kindly smile shone on all alike. His tactful remarks were not for one, but for the whole of the company. The attitude was not lost upon the guests. As he was moving through their ranks a thin penetrating voice made itself heard. "Oh, my," said the voice, "ain't the bishop a flirt!"

SAILORS NOW IN PORT WILL FEAST TONIGHT

There will be a jolly time at the Seaman's institute this evening, the sailors now in port having been invited to attend the big Christmas dinner that has been prepared for them. Turkey, cranberry sauce, mince pie and plum pudding will be served, and there will be

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CLEARANCE SALE

today instead of January 1. In addition to the liberal reductions in price on every article in the house, which in themselves are vital economical inducements to shrewd shoppers, we have decided that during this Clearance Sale every customer will be presented with a suitable present, according to the amount of their purchase. We have the reputation of handling only dependable, fashionable and desirable merchandise, and such goods you are sure to buy at ridiculously low prices during the sale. Besides the big reduction in prices and valuable presents with each purchase, you can also make your own terms, and arrange your payments weekly, monthly or semi-monthly, to suit your own convenience.

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- Smoking Jackets, Bath Robes, Fancy Vests, Night Gowns, Hats, Shoes, Neckwear, Handkerchiefs, Suspenders, Watch Chains, Cuff Buttons, Military Brushes, Shaving Sets, Traveling Sets, Mufflers

Our Cloak and Suit Sections contribute the following articles to the list of presents to be given away during our Clearance Sale:

- Bath Robes, Dressing Sacques, Children's Dresses and Coats, Corsets, Scarfs, Fans, Aprons, Silk Shawls, Chiffon Ruffs, Underskirts, Corset Covers, Waists, Sweaters, Fancy Neckwear, Handbags, Belts, Purse, Fur Scarfs, Children's Fur Sets

Our Jewelry Section contributes the following articles to the list of presents to be given away during our Clearance Sale:

- Umbrellas, Cut Glass, Bohemian Glass, Hand-Painted China, Silverware, Forks and Knives, Coffee Spoons, Oyster Forks, Soup Ladles, Gold Clocks, Watch Chains, Small Pieces of Fine Jewelry, Opera Glasses, Fancy Back Combs, Carving Sets, Brasses, Statues and Bric-a-Brac

Our lower floor contributes the following articles to the list of presents to be given away during our Clearance Sale:

- Steins, Vases, Water Sets, Wine Sets, Albums, Jardinieres, Clocks, Chocolate Sets, Salad Sets, Mirrors, Lamps, Rugs, Comforters, Bedspreads, Pictures, Fancy Pillows, Shopping Bags, Fish Sets, Tobacco Jars, Cups and Saucers, Ferre Dishes

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The Christmas dinner at the institute is always a big affair, and the sailors look forward to it with as much interest as if it were a regular family gathering. Men from everywhere and of all creeds and colors assemble and enjoy with equal freedom the hospitality of the institute and its managers.

The number of vessels in the harbor is large, so that the capacity of the institute's large dining-room will un-

doubtedly be taxed and two tables will probably have to be set.

Ignatieff's Funeral (Journal Special Service.) St. Petersburg, Dec. 25.—Count Ignatieff, who was assassinated last Saturday, was buried here today. Members of the imperial family, except the emperor and empress, were present.

Now, brace up for New Year's!