

SECRET SERVICE MEN SEARCH FOR DAVIDOR

Absconder Supposed to Have Gotten Away With Large Sum.



S. V. Davidor.

How much money did S. V. Davidor, alleged defrauder of innocents and the aged carry with him when he fled Portland? Federal officers on the absconder's trail are passing current among themselves. Davidor's reputed boast that if he ever had to leave Portland hurriedly in order to escape prison, he would not take less than \$100,000 of money is gotten here.

The United States holds against Davidor an indictment charging misuse of the mails. Davidor, who had, with apparent impunity, maintained mahogany furnished and plush carpeted offices in which to receive those whom he deviously designated to his intimates as "fresh suckers," learned in advance of the indictment and with wise immediateness left town. He may now be in British Columbia or in Mexico or in the mountains; the officers do not exactly know where, but they are becoming certain that Davidor had a long time been expecting to run for it, and had collected here \$100 which represented the ruin of an aged couple, on there a \$1000 to blast the hopes of a young couple just starting in life and in another place all of a widow's fortune, only to leave her with tears and helpless children. These amounts, the president of the Pacific Northwest Realty Associates kept in cash in a suitcase near him for ready reference.

Where Is the Girl?

And the stenographer, Josephine Faber, the officers would also like to find. They believe that if the girl is found, the man will be traceable. But so far there has been no clew obtainable, either from her friends, or from her mother who once threatened dire vengeance against Davidor if he persisted in molesting what the mother believed was a hypnotic influence over her daughter.

By this influence, Davidor brought the girl back to him time after time, when, obedient to the counsels of her mother, she tried to break away. Such is the story the mother told and added: "He is a devil and should be killed like a dog."

Left Aged Woman to Starve.

One of the most pitiable instances of Davidor's alleged unscrupulous advantage-taking of the aged or the innocent who were easily deceived by his skilled address and plausible arguments is that of Mrs. Jackson, a woman 80 years old, living at Junction City in southern Oregon. Mrs. Jackson declares she had spent all her money for land which Davidor pretended to own. To make the next payment she lived on dry bread and black coffee, only to find when she had parted with her scanty store of cash, that she could never get title to the land, or realize her hopes of having a home in which she might spend her last days.

John Butson of Wilsonville has complained to the United States district attorney that an old woman whose name was not disclosed had spent her last cent with Davidor, thinking she was purchasing a home and estate that would maintain her for the rest of her life. She not only failed to get title clear to her land, but Davidor refused to refund the money, and she has since been dependent on charity for food and shelter.

Land on the Peaks.

K. O. Gaarder of Butte and U. D. Shaffer, 1177 Haight avenue, furnish further details of the manner in which Davidor advantageously attracted country fruit lands, the purchasers first spending their money, then investigating, only to find their presumed properties untitled peaks which goats could never have reached and which would have given title to a Wright aeroplane to compass.

The Same Old System.

Again he wrote: "My business is not a new plan; if you have funds to invest, will you be one of us?" Even here he did not seem to think that in his unexplained absence those who want those funds back most sadly would construe that last question as meaning: "Will you be done by us?" Davidor, inconsiderately perhaps, passes on only to leave as his wordy wise saying: "People don't get wealthy by hard labor; perhaps you would like to know the secret of financial success."

"Yes," said an officer, emphatically, "Davidor was wise there. He skipped because he knew hard labor awaited him in the penitentiary, and that his secret of financial success lay in holding tight the money he stole from widows and orphans."

Evidence already secured by federal authorities is convincing them Davidor's operations were gradually extending over the entire United States. Even after local people were well informed that it was scarcely safe to trust his promises, his well worded advertisements captured victims. These advertisements, indeed, of Oregon fruit and farm lands, as sent through the mails and distributed by agents are of the most persuasive character and statements procured by the postoffice inspectors show there were hundreds of responses. Investments in lands, which Davidor pretended were the property of the Northwest Realty associates, were in sums of \$100 to \$200.

Schemes Were Many.

But the Northwest Realty associates was only one of Davidor's ventures. Interviews with local business men, who were at various times connected with Davidor's corporations, the Economic Gas company, the St. Johns Gas company, the Washington Home Telephone company, the Champion Group Mining company, and others, bring to light the ineffaceable trail of embezzlement and hatred the promoter has left behind him.

Says George Curtis, Buchanan building, Portland, in "A stockholders synopsis of evidence pertaining to the Champion Group Mining company, as he found it from December, 1907, to March, 1908."

Worked His Partners.

"Subsequent to much effort Mr. Davidor was persuaded to have a report and statement of the affairs of the Champion Group Mining company prepared, and Mr. Davidor had A. L. Hayes prepare a statement, which was submitted at directors' meeting held Monday evening, January 12, 1908, which meeting was continued January 14, 1908, and I was present at both meetings.

"It was at said two meetings, the forwardness and shall I say, trafficking unprincipled and vicious practices of S. V. Davidor became fully apparent to everyone present.

ATHLETE WANTS TO WEAR A STAR

Al Munn, Great Track and Rugby Man to Be One of Frisco's Finest.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) San Francisco, Nov. 27.—Al Munn, famous athlete of the University of California and star player on the Harbarian, rugby football team, is going to be a policeman, provided he passes the civil service examination. He was to have taken the examinations a week ago, but could not appear on account of illness. Today he appeared before the civil service commissioners and asked to be allowed to take the next examination. His request was granted.

Munn is one of the greatest point-winners who ever wore the blue and gold. In his freshman track meet with Stanford he won 25 points, taking five first places, an unheard-of feat up to that time. In the two subsequent varsity meets he took many points in the weight events and in the jumps.

to lose \$75,000 with which he claims to have been provided when he first reached Portland. In the possession of the lawyer was found a personal letter from Davidor retracting every affidavit, saying as excuse that they had been made on the impulse of the moment and under the pressure from another source.

Lawyer Finds Him Guilty.

"I represented Davidor's interests as honestly as a bad case would allow, when he was charged with assaulting a woman in San Francisco," said this attorney. "After I had succeeded in closing the case, I came into the possession of evidence which convinced me that he was guilty, and I repeated bitterly at that time, and have ever since, that I ever maintained the relation of a professional counselor to him. As soon as I learned what kind of a man he was, I immediately withdrew from any further connection with him or his affairs, and for this reason his hatred was aroused toward me."

In the hope that Davidor may be captured United States marshals and secret service hunt for him. Believing that he is well provided with money, they feel certain that the task of capturing him now that he has absconded, will be as difficult as was the obtaining of the direct evidence upon which the indictment is based.

Davidor has already served time for misuse of the mails. He was arrested and convicted in Chicago during 1909 and served a term in the Cook county jail for the offense. His picture with the following description is to be found in Chicago's rogues' gallery:

SAM E. DAVIDOR.
137 Complexion—Dark. 5 ft 9 in.
Maroon eyes.
Pit scar root of nose.
Vertical scar left cheek bone, near corner of eye.
Crime—Using United States mail to defraud.
Officer Inspector, P. O.—J. D. Farrell.
August 14, 1899, Chicago.

ANNIVERSARY OF LINNEA OBSERVED

The Swedish Society Linnea observed its 21st anniversary last evening with a program at the Woodmen's hall, Eleventh street, between Alder and Washington. O. F. Isakson gave a synopsis of the history of the society, which now has several hundred members and is about to erect a home of its own on choice location in the city. He also eulogized the work of the late President John Pearson, who had done much for the success of the organization.

Other numbers on the program were songs by Orpheus quartet, recitations by Mr. and Mrs. William Sundén, piano solo by Miss Lillian Spaulding and an exhibition of national dances, under the direction of E. Bjorklund.

RUSSIA SHAKY AS TO FINANCES

Creditors Propose a Form of Receivership — Compared With Turkey.

(Publishers' Press Landed Wire.) St. Petersburg, Nov. 27.—So far as finances are concerned, Russia threatens to sink to the level of Turkey under the regime of Abdul Hamid. Rumors are in circulation that French and English investors in Russian securities are considering a plan for representation on the commission in control of imperial finances. French investments in Russia aggregate 13 milliards of francs (\$2,500,000,000), and English investments are also heavy. Capitalists are alarmed over the unfavorable condition of foreign loans in Russia, and fear that the country is in a condition of practical bankruptcy. News of the action of the investors has been published here and has caused a shock in financial circles.

GERMANY IN BAD FINANCIAL SHAPE

(Publishers' Press Landed Wire.) Berlin, Nov. 27.—German people are awaiting the opening of the reichstag next Tuesday. Revenue legislation must be enacted and the imperial government must show where it stands with regard to the reactionary forces trying to maintain the antiquated three-class election law of Prussia. A dubious political outlook is darkened still further by an official announcement showing that the imperial debt has reached the enormous total of 4,533,500,000 marks (\$1,135,875,000). The lately enacted revenue law is clearly inadequate to cope with the growing indebtedness. The Socialists have won another triumph in the election of their candidate at Halle against the combined opposition of the Conservatives and the Liberals.

Meanwhile, Dr. Bethmann-Hollweg who has been called "the silent statesman," has not given an inkling of what he intends to do.

Apples Are Great Attraction.

Hood River, Or., Nov. 27.—Word was received in this city today from J. A. Wilson and S. G. Campbell, who are in charge of the Hood River apple display at the Chicago Land & Irrigation congress, that the Hood River display of apples is the greatest source of attraction in the Coliseum. Thousands of people are visiting the exhibit daily and many are inclined to believe the fruit has been hand painted.

FROM THE TROPICS TO HEAL US

Cedron Seed Plant.
In Central America many natives are gathering the seeds of this plant, Cedron Seed, a rare medicine that has valuable curative powers. But few drug stores carry this seed, owing to the high cost of the article.
This country is a large consumer of this costly seed because it enters into the famous catarrh remedy, Peruna, sold the world over.

MINISTER IS TO BE REORDAINED

Suspended by Presbytery, Independent Church Indorses Him.

Seattle, Nov. 27.—After nearly two score years in the ministry, Rev. W. A. Bass, under suspension by the Seattle presbytery, will be ordained again. The ceremony will be performed by the elders of the new Independent Presbyterian church, of which he is pastor. The pastor and elders have obtained a charter from the state of Washington and have incorporated under the name which they have been using ever since the difficulties began, last April. The congregation now numbers more than 100 adult members, and has several flourishing religious and social societies. The pastor will preach tomorrow night on the subject, "Christ's Kingdom."

Rev. W. A. Bass was formerly pastor of the Lake Union Presbyterian church, but a split in the church was started when the presbytery attempted to install a new man at the general assembly last April. The differences between the rival factions grew until Bass and his adherents formed a new church and the Presbyterian ministers suspended the recalcitrant pastor for one year for preaching in a field without a license from the ruling body.

Bass has declared himself out of the Presbyterian church for good and all, and declares there is no hope of reconciliation. In order to forget his troubles he created a sensation last September and October by working as a messenger for the Western Union Telegraph company.

Team Takes a Walk

The double team of J. R. Spurlock which was left standing yesterday afternoon at Fifth and Pine, wandered across the Morrison street bridge, and over to East Morrison and Water streets before apprehended. Patrolman Sherwood stopped the team, and arrested Spurlock for leaving his team untied.

WILL FIX RIGHTS OF POOR PEOPLE

Attorneys for Murderer George May Bring About Important Decision.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Seattle, Nov. 27.—By a decision made by Judge Mitchell Gilliam in the superior court today, Arthur W. George, who shot and killed his divorced wife, Elizabeth George, last summer in Mrs. George's home at Brighton Beach, and who is under sentence of death for murder in the first degree, will not be permitted to obtain at the county's expense a transcript of the testimony taken before Judge John B. Yakey at the trial.

George is entirely without money and has no friends. His attorneys, appointed by the court, Thomas Horner and J. C. Waller, today referred to him as a pauper over whom the noose hangs and declared that unless the county of King would stand the expenses George would be denied the constitutional privilege of an appeal.

Judge Gilliam decided that George should be given a copy of the record but denied him a transcript of the testimony.

George's attorneys argued that the transcript of the record would be practically worthless without the testimony and excepted to the court's ruling. This leaves them in a position to apply to the supreme court for a writ of mandamus directing the superior court to issue the order as prayed for by George.

Such a decision will also settle a point of importance to both litigants and taxpayers, as it will determine the full rights of "a poor person" in the courts of this state.

PRISONER WAS TOO FAT TO BREAK JAIL

Minot, N. D., Nov. 27.—"Lean" Smith, alias Carford, one of the fattest and smoothest crooks in the country miscalculated the width of a hole in the

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A French government commission has reported that the practice of firing cannon at clouds to disperse hailstorms, prevalent among the vineyards of that country, is valueless.

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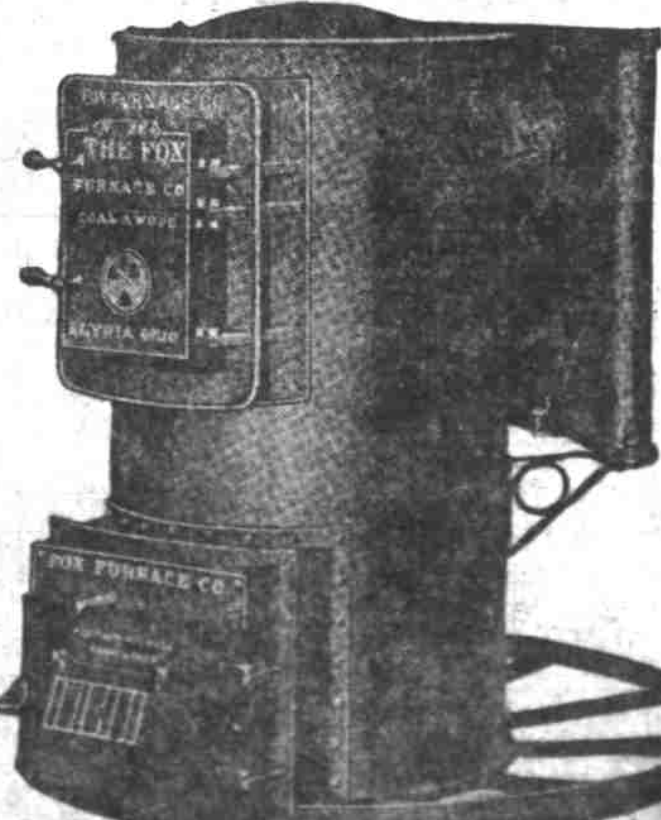
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