

# FORGERY MYSTERY CLEARED UP WITH MAN'S CONFESSION

### George Watson Woodward Admits to Detectives How He Carried on Operations Since Sept. 7.

### BURNS DETECTIVE GETS HIM

### Accountant Who Has Held Many Responsible Positions Said to Have Obtained Over \$1500.

Mysterious forgeries of checks which began September 7 and continued up to a week ago, nearly all through one of the big banks of the city and aggregating something over \$1500, came to an abrupt end Saturday with the arrest of George Watson Woodward, an accountant, who has lived in Portland for 13 years and has held responsible positions the greater part of the time.

Woodward was apprehended through the efforts of F. L. Masters, superintendent of the Bureau International Detective Agency in this district, and lodged in the county jail on a complaint charging him with forgery. The prisoner made a complete confession, declared Masters, who added that this man has operated in the shrewdest manner and most elusive fashion that he remembers in his experience.

**Operates Without Drawing Suspicion**  
A former employe of the F. & S. railroad for seven or eight years and employed for several months as an accountant in Morris Bros. establishment, living in a highly respectable district of the city and with no bad habits, Masters declares Woodward was able to operate without the least suspicion attaching to him.

Further than that, Woodward carried a bank account of substantial proportions, which he replenished by his forgeries, in the same bank that he passed most of his spurious checks upon.

The checks, which are almost perfect forgeries, were rarely of the same signature. They ranged in amount from \$10 to \$100, and the payees and residence addresses recorded in the city telephone directories.

Seven of the checks were presented and cashed by one teller, six by another and three by another in the same bank, but the operator was slick enough never to present a check at the "W" window or to any teller who at any time worked at that window.

**Watched Depositors Write**  
Superintendent Masters states that Woodward said that he secured names to be forged from watching depositors as they made out their deposit slips. While this statement is not accepted without some grains of allowance in the bank, this would be borne out by the fact that the forgeries bear the general characteristics of the real signature, rather than the detailed technique, Woodward is also declared to have asserted that he never practiced writing the names he forged before making the actual forgeries.

He was apprehended finally when he presented a check which bore certain peculiarities which were common to all checks he had made out, whether his own or those he forged.

### Freighter Scranton Reported in Distress

Washington, March 29.—The war department has been advised by radio that the United States cargo vessel Scranton is in distress about 900 miles east of New York and that an ocean-going tug has been dispatched to her assistance. The cargo ship El Sol has been standing by but has been unable to render aid, two attempts to take the Scranton in tow having failed on account of breaking of the hawser.

Hear Dr. Pence's Sunday morning series of sermons on "The Master of Men in Action," starting today at Westminster Presbyterian church. Take Broadway or Irvington cars.—Adv.

# Men Who Have Made Good JULIUS ROSENWALD



Chicago—Back in 1878, when no home was complete without a "chromo" reprint of some beloved relative, Julius Rosenwald of Springfield, Ill., where he was born in 1862, on the same block on which Abraham Lincoln lived, started his business career by a house to house canvass of "chromo" buyers.

The result of his canvass proved to the young man that he had "selling ability." When a young man of 16 "discovers" himself, he naturally plans to invade the biggest markets. The biggest markets are, naturally, the biggest cities, and the biggest city, of course, is New York.

Nothing more natural than that the young man should seek his fortune in the market where supposedly the biggest fortunes are to be found.

**Putting the Skids  
Under Dad Time No  
Fun in Clock Shops**  
Chicago, March 29.—(U. P.)—Speeding up "Pop Time" isn't simply a matter of "kidding" yourself that it's an hour earlier than it is, jewelers and clock makers here said tonight. It's a real task.

**Resetting thousands of watches and clocks in stock was their job.**

At La Salle, Ill., home of a popular alarm clock, all employes were to have an extra day's work as a result of Americans' joke on the sun. They were ordered to work Sunday but their job will be accumulating 5000 clocks to a new running schedule.

The big watch factory at Elgin, Ill., put its employes to work Friday testing 15,000 timepieces. Several men spent two entire days carefully guiding the big regulator clocks into new habits.

Big Chicago Jewelers for the most part began preparations Friday. Some professed to "kidding" themselves. The Western Union Telegraph company presented clients of its clock service with keys and instructions for handling. "Too many clocks to do it ourselves," the management said.

**British Columbia Falls in Line**  
Vancouver, B. C., March 29.—(U. P.)—Daylight saving will go into effect in British Columbia at 2 o'clock tomorrow morning. A special act was put through by the legislature today.

**La Lorraine Said to  
Have Met Mishap;  
Lacks Confirmation**  
New York, March 29.—(U. P.)—Reports current in marine circles late today that the French liner La Lorraine had met with a mishap in midatlantic were unconfirmed here tonight and were generally doubted by government and shipping officials. The La Lorraine sailed from Havre, France, March 23, and is due in New York next Wednesday.

French line officials were without confirmation of the reports. The rumor, the source of which could not be traced, said the steamship had been in collision. On the La Lorraine were 369 cabin passengers, 224 steerage and 287 officers and soldiers of the following organizations: Casual company 2476, regular army; 2477, scattered; 2478, South Carolina; 2480, Nebraska, and 2481, scattered; special casual company 2474 and four casual officers.



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# 22 ACCIDENTS TO AUTOMOBILES IS SATURDAY RECORD

### Machines Skidded and Brakes Would Not Hold, Drivers Rue- fully Tell Police.

### "WHIPPET" CAR RAMMED

### Two Mere Humans Report That They Suffered Skinned Knees as Result of Bumps.

Machines skidded and brakes "simply wouldn't hold" and lots of other things went wrong on Saturday to automobiles, just as if it had been a rainy day, for the police received 22 accident reports up to an early hour Saturday night. Steps were torn off street cars, automobile fenders were bent, headlights were broken, steering gears knocked out of commission, a "whippet" street car rammed without apparent success, automobile wheels were broken and human knees were skinned, according to the confessions made to Officer Tuilly of the traffic department by the luckless drivers.

The large number of accidents resulted in but two injuries. Mr. Balderman of 8283 East Sixty-sixth street, riding a motorcycle, sustained a badly skinned knee when he was struck by an automobile in charge of Leonard Otto of 215 East Fargo street, at Grand avenue and East Yamhill street.

**Many Collisions Reported**  
The other injury was sustained by James McBride, who lives on the Sandy road near Parkrose, when his motorcycle collided with an automobile at King and Washington streets. The name of the driver of the automobile has not been learned by the police. McBride was taken to the emergency hospital and later to his home by the police. His motorcycle was badly damaged.

The collision reported: Belmont street at Union avenue, automobile of G. O. Smith of 1414 Outman avenue with automobile in charge of a woman; Broadway at Ankeny street, G. R. Baker of 335 Tillamook street with Oregon hotel bus in charge of R. L. Smith; Twenty-fourth and Northrup streets.

At East Forty-second street and Sandy boulevard, the automobile of Mrs. William Spira of 865 East Forty-sixth street ran into parked automobile bearing license 7201; East Twelfth and Belmont streets, automobiles of Charles Eckleman of 1189 Hawthorne avenue and N. Swanson of 546 Hoyt street collided, automobile wheel broken; Eleventh and Stark streets, automobile of G. W. Upshaw of the Etina apartments collided with automobile of O. L. LeFever of the Northwestern Electric company; Union avenue at Oregon streets, automobile driver unknown, while trying to avoid accident with automobile of Bruce Bailey of the Fordham apartments, caught in streetcar tracks and turned over; East Twenty-eighth and Burnside streets, automobiles of R. Stewart, 1 East Fifty-fifth street, and the auto of L. E. Klump, 432 East Forty-second street, collided, the latter being driven on left hand side of the street; Fifth and Morrison streets, O. A. Anderson of 1191 East Salmon street backed into another automobile and broke the headlights; Thirteenth and Mill streets, automobile in charge of G. H. Elkerton of 1031 Pacific street struck 8-year-old boy, no injuries; Front and Main streets, automobile of H. Zimmerman of Hillsdale, Or., ran into Oregon Electric train.

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automobile of T. Mori of 92 North Fifth street with "W" streetcar; Third and Glisan streets, automobile of Bruno Webber of Pendleton with motorcycle of D. B. Sweeker of 89 East Twelfth street; Williams avenue at Wygant street, automobile of G. Loewenstein of 398 Williams avenue and automobile 10572, the latter machine also striking streetcar, tearing step off streetcar.

**Streetcar Is Bumped**  
At East Forty-second street and Sandy boulevard, the automobile of Mrs. William Spira of 865 East Forty-sixth street north ran into side of Rose City streetcar; East Thirty-sixth and Division streets, automobiles of A. E. Peake, 1124 Clinton street, and A. Styan of 204 Porter street, steering rod broken; Thirteenth and Washington streets, automobile in charge of P. M. Chalmers of 77 1/2 Johnson street stopped at automobile 13871; near Fifth and Taylor streets, Oregon Auto Dispatch truck, driver J. Fisher, hit by automobile of E. W. Hughes, which was coming out of garage; Front and Morrison streets, H. A. Hinkle of 223 Pittock building, backed into Parkrose transfer truck; Fifth and Madison streets, automobile of Pete Wurm of Beaverton hit one man Irvington car square broadside blow; Ladd avenue at Division street, automobiles of N. E. Bradley of 41 1/2 Mill street and D. Ames of the Overland Automobile company collided.

**Tried to Avoid Accident**  
At Fifth and Stark streets, A. Darcungio of 1215 East Eighteenth street ran into parked automobile bearing license 7201; East Twelfth and Belmont streets, automobiles of Charles Eckleman of 1189 Hawthorne avenue and N. Swanson of 546 Hoyt street collided, automobile wheel broken; Eleventh and Stark streets, automobile of G. W. Upshaw of the Etina apartments collided with automobile of O. L. LeFever of the Northwestern Electric company; Union avenue at Oregon streets, automobile driver unknown, while trying to avoid accident with automobile of Bruce Bailey of the Fordham apartments, caught in streetcar tracks and turned over; East Twenty-eighth and Burnside streets, automobiles of R. Stewart, 1 East Fifty-fifth street, and the auto of L. E. Klump, 432 East Forty-second street, collided, the latter being driven on left hand side of the street; Fifth and Morrison streets, O. A. Anderson of 1191 East Salmon street backed into another automobile and broke the headlights; Thirteenth and Mill streets, automobile in charge of G. H. Elkerton of 1031 Pacific street struck 8-year-old boy, no injuries; Front and Main streets, automobile of H. Zimmerman of Hillsdale, Or., ran into Oregon Electric train.

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# POPULAR HOTEL MAN IS PRESIDENT OF ANGLERS



R. W. Price

R. W. Price, better known as "Dick" among his friends, was unanimously elected president of the Multnomah Anglers' club at its annual meeting Friday night. The big hall of the Chamber of Commerce on the top floor of the Oregon building was crowded nearly to the limit.

**Farmers Indorse  
Government Ships**  
Washington, March 29.—The farmers' national council today indorsed government operation of ships. They declared the plan of Edward N. Hurley to dispose of the ships built at federal expense "at the current world market price" would mean only a price fixing by the shipping combine with resulting loss to the government.

Mr. Price is general manager of the Mallory hotel and is president of the Oregon Hotelmen's association. He is a native Oregonian and has for many years been an ardent sportsman.

Better protection of game and a greater increase of trout fry in streams and game birds liberated in the fields make up his announced platform.

# OREGON BOYS GLAD TO FIND A LITTLE BIT OF OREGON IN NEW YORK

### Headquarters and Touch of Home Are Appreciated by Re- turning Heroes.

Oregon veterans, returned from overseas, but not yet having crossed the continent to the, to them, one most beautiful and loving spots in all the world, are getting a little bit of Oregon in New York, in the Oregon headquarters on Seventh avenue, according to letters from the men themselves and from the Oregon welcome committee.

Members of this organization who meet Oregon veterans when they file off the big transports, and who in New York give a touch of Oregon's warm hospitality to the state's finest, have been successful in making the men feel almost at home.

"We find that Oregon boys want more than anything else to get news from home, to talk of home and to meet Oregon people," writes Clark Leiter, in a letter to a friend in Portland.

The headquarters are described in a few words by Mr. Leiter.

"We have fitted up for them very modest little headquarters, everything neat and simple, easy chairs and tables for newspapers, a few Oregon pictures, writing desks—just a homey place to go."

What appears to please the men most is the fact that the people of Oregon thought enough of them to furnish a place for them and have a welcoming committee to meet them in the nation's largest city.

"Through volunteer workers we are visiting the soldiers at the docks, calling on wounded at hospitals, visiting the camps at intervals, conducting an information bureau, serving coffee and sandwiches at little canteens and keeping them cheered up the best we can," wrote Mr. Leiter.

Giving Portland a new complete leased wire stock, bond, cotton and grain exchange service, J. B. Steinbach & Co. have completed arrangements whereby

they will become correspondents of E. F. Hutton & Co., members of the New York stock exchange, New York cotton exchange, the Chicago Board of Trade and the Liverpool Cotton association. The firm has taken a suite of offices in the Railway Exchange building and will open for business April 7.

This new business venture will give Portland the same market quotation service as the other leading coast cities. It is the second coast to coast leased wire to come direct to Portland from New York instead of going through southern coast cities. Overbeck, Cooke & Co. recently made similar arrangements through a large eastern firm.

The new affiliation will give to Portland complete ticker service simultaneous with other leading stock exchanges of the country.

Commander Frederick J. Horne, American naval attaché at Tokio, has been decorated with the Order of the Sacred Treasure by the emperor of Japan for his "splendid service as naval attaché."

# Inviting Proposals for the Property and Im- provements of Engine House on Fourth St., Near Yamhill, for the City of Portland, Or.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent of the City of Portland, Oregon, room 206, City Hall, until April 11, 1919, at 2 P. M., for proposals for the sale of lot 6, block 50, City of Portland, including improvements. Cash or trade will be accepted. Property in trade to be within five blocks of fire station.

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