

BROWN CONFESSES TO ELMIRA CRIME

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were the footprints discovered leading south from the front porch of the store. These prints, revealing definite hobnail patterns, were photographed and officers set out to find shoes to match them.

Just a Hunch at First

They learned that a young man by the name of Brown had come to the area to live with his parents who resided on the Noti road near the Inman service station last winter. Finding that this man fitted the description of a "tall, young man," and had not lived in the vicinity long, officers acted on a shrewd hunch and decided to seek him for questioning.

In checking over records in the state police office, police found that Brown had been suspected of passing a forged check in a grocery store in Cottage Grove several months ago and they decided to bring Brown in on a forgery charge.

Also Wednesday, officers received information that Brown had been suspected in a case wherein an elderly widow, with whom Brown was said to have boarded in Montana, had missed \$400 at about the same time her boarder also turned up missing. Police likewise learned of another case in which an elderly man had been victimized and in which Brown's name had appeared briefly during the investigation.

Noting the regular occurrence of victimized elderly persons in the background of Brown's life and adding to that the fact that the man had not resided long in the Elmira district, officers decided to act at once.

Check Charge Is "Cover"

The alarm went out and Brown was arrested by state police in Cottage Grove late Wednesday, brought to Eugene and booked on the forged check charge. When officers questioned him, he readily admitted living near Elmira, but told the apparently iron-clad story of having come to Eugene Tuesday morning with his parents, arriving here about 11:30 and making a date to meet them again at 12:30. His wife, police learned, (he had only been married a few months) left Tuesday for Vancouver, Wash., to visit her parents.

In addition, when arrested Brown was wearing ordinary light shoes which did not match the marks of nailed shoes found at the scene of the crime. But under pressure of questioning, Brown finally told officers he did own a pair of heavy shoes and had taken them to a local shoe shop to be half soled. Officers hurriedly checked the shop and found work on the shoes had not been started.

Matching them with the footprints, officers believed the nails corresponded to the nail marks in the mud and the size likewise corresponded. The next step was to take the shoes to Brown's home where many footprints were found, all checking with the shoes and with the marks left at the store.

But Brown still held to his story and his alibi checked out officers during Thursday. Various other leads were run down, all amounting to nothing, and as officers cleared up these loose ends, their trail continued to lead to Brown.

Quiz Taken Up Again

Following their investigations Thursday and after the weird interlude caused by the strange actions of a city police prisoner late Thursday evening, officers again started questioning Brown upon all angles of his story, going back over point after point, frequently tripping him up on



LESTER MILLER, who will play the part of Thad Jennings, one of the "bundling" cast in "Pursuit of Happiness" which opens for three performances at the University theatre Thursday night. Curtain is at 8 o'clock.

Brown said he next scooped the money bag out of the safe, went to the store and threw his club inside to burn the weapon. He then returned to the cash register, took the change out of the till, left the store and drove back to Eugene.

He told officers he obtained less than \$7 in the robbery, getting five 50-cent pieces out of the safe and a quantity of small change from the cash register drawer.

Wednesday afternoon, he said, he went to Cottage Grove after leaving his shoes at the shoe shop to have the tell-tale nailed soles replaced, and it was there officers arrested him.

Brown gave officers no reason for picking Colgaard's store to rob. Officers were only able to reason that he apparently had a predilection for confining his activities to elderly persons.

Insurgent Gunners Strafe Madrid Area

MADRID, March 5.—(AP)—Insurgent gunners pumped new shells into Madrid today to strafe a city besieged for four long months. Madrilenos, however, were confident the shells, fired in dark and foggy weather, would cause little damage. They believed they were intended, in the main, to crack their morale.

The insurgent shells landed in a plaza six blocks from the United States embassy where many Americans have taken refuge.

Labor Protesting State Fund Raids

SALEM, March 5.—(AP)—Despite the protest of labor and officials of the industrial accident commission, the house ways and means committee reported out to pass the three senate bills providing for use of industrial accident commission funds for state building purposes. Branding the action as "diversion" Ben T. Osborne, secretary of the Oregon Federation of Labor appeared before the committee to ask that the legislature "leave the industrial accident fund alone."

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Financial circles expected the Bank of France, with the backing of the treasury and under the tripartite agreement among France, Great Britain and the United States, to keep the franc to 215.00 to the dollar, approximately the present market price.

Fugitive Prowler Blamed With \$92 Thefts at Hotel

The thief who fled from the Eugene hotel Thursday morning with a city patrolman in close pursuit, only to "shake" the officer later at the north city limits, did not leave empty-handed was testified to by three guests, who reported a total loss of \$92. At least some prowler entered their rooms early in the morning, taking \$10 from Leonard A. Yashan, Portland, \$22 from S. F. Evans, Seattle, and \$60 from C. C. Capdeville, New York.

He then got his car and double parked it outside the hotel entrance and returned to his room for his suitcase. Determined to make one last haul, he entered a room occupied by two deputy sheriffs, weakening them. He fled and they gave the alarm. The thief was asked to wait in the lobby by the manager, but when a city officer appeared, he abandoned his

PICKED FOR NAVY WASHINGTON, March 5.—(AP)—

The navy department named John P. Jones, Corvallis, Ore., among the aviation cadets designed as naval aviators and ordered to active duty with aircraft squadrons, leaving Pensacola, Fla., this month.

ALL GAMBLERS? PORTLAND, Ore., March 5.—(AP)—

Do Portland citizens take a chance? Apparently they do because Frank S. Grant, city attorney, reported 224 gambling arrests and trials out of 1509 cases brought into the municipal court last month.

The state of Wyoming has many great dinosaur cemeteries, where bones of these ancient reptiles are found by the hundreds.

U. S. 'APOLOGIZES' FOR LA GUARDIA

WASHINGTON, March 5.—(AP)—The United States apologized to Germany today for remarks made recently by Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia of New York about Chancellor Adolf Hitler. The state department said that James C. Dunn, chief of the division of Western European affairs, in an oral statement to Dr. Hans Thomsen, counselor of the German embassy, said in substance:

"In this country the right of freedom of speech is guaranteed by the constitution to every citizen and is cherished as a part of the national heritage. This, however, does not lessen the regret of the government when utterances either by private citizens or by public officials speaking in an individual capacity give offense to a

Irish Store Staff Has Dinner at Cafe

Eighteen employees of the three Irish stores in Eugene had a dinner at the Del Rey cafe Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock as a friendly get-together meal to discuss store affairs. Employees and employers present. Other stores employes it is announced.

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