

UNMASKED MAN ROBS GROCERY AT POINT OF GUN

An unmasked robber, about 25 years old, entered the C. M. Eppler grocery store at 19th and State streets about 6 o'clock last night, pulled a gun on two clerks, the bookkeeper and a woman customer and got away with about \$70 that he took from the cash register. He got away without attracting the attention of officers and there is as yet no clue to his identity.

The robber hurried his get-away after rifling the till and is believed to have left the vicinity in an automobile that was parked on 19th street.

Upon entering the store from State street the robber first encountered A. M. Reed, one of the clerks. He forced Reed to precede him to the cash register where he also leveled his gun at Wilbur McCune, another clerk, and the bookkeeper, Miss Bernice Mulvey. Miss Mulvey was forced to open the cash register. As she opened each drawer he appropriated the coins, but did not disturb the checks. The robber put the money into a pocket of his overcoat.

According to the witnesses the robber talked little during his operations. A Mrs. King, a customer of the store, was near the door when he entered, and seeing the gun in his hand, put her hands upward in the conventional manner. "Keep 'em down," the robber ordered, "and don't make no fuss in here."

It is believed the robber got the "clue" of the job earlier in the afternoon when he entered the store and bought a pack of cigarettes, receiving his change at the cash register. He is believed by officers to have been an experienced operator.

RUDOLPH VALENTINO APPLIES FOR DIVORCE

Paris, Dec. 18.—(A. P.)—Introduction of a demand for divorce by Rudolph Valentino, which is Rudolph Valentino's name in private life, caused a flurry in the Paris law courts this afternoon. There was some question as to the identity of the plaintiff however when it was found that the wife's name was given in the petition as De Wolf. The petition stated that the couple were married at Crown Point, Ind., March 15, 1923.

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EXECUTION OF YOUTH STAYED

Chicago, Dec. 18.—(A. P.)—Ninety minutes before he was to die on the gallows for murder today Campbell McCarthy, 19 year old negro, was granted a stay of execution on defense attorneys' contentions that the boy had become insane.

The attorneys raced by automobile to the county jail, arriving as deputies were preparing McCarthy for the noose.

Judge John P. McGoorty granted the stay at his home early today.

The petition for McCarthy was based on an affidavit by his sweetheart who recently visited him in his cell.

The negro youth was convicted last March of the slaying of Christian Golzen, night watchman during an attempted holdup.

KLAMATH SCHOOLS CLOSED

Klamath Falls, Or., Dec. 18.—(A. P.)—With schools closed to December 23 and other precautionary measures being observed, indications today were that the spread of spinal meningitis here had been checked. No new cases and no fatalities have occurred in three days. All business houses and places of amusement are open as usual.

New Lamp Burns 94 Percent Air Beats Electric or Gas

A new oil lamp that gives an amazing brilliant, soft, white light, even better than gas or electricity, has been tested by the U. S. government and 25 leading universities and found to be superior to 10 ordinary oil lamps. It burns without odor, smoke or noise—no pumping up; is simple, clean, safe. Burns 94 percent air and 4 percent common kerosene (coal oil). The inventor, V. M. Johnson, 161 north Union ave., Portland, Ore., is offering to send a lamp on 10 days' FREE trial, or even to give one FREE to the first user in each locality who will help him introduce it. Write him today for full particulars. Also ask him to explain how you can get the agency, and without experience or money make \$250 to \$500 per month.—Adv.

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Comfort and Beauty in These Cozy Blankets

Comfortable things to sleep under these chilly nights, for they keep you warm and safe from chill. And besides, they are the sort that lend an air of charm to a bed by their lovely colors. Superior quality, all wool or part wool, soft and downy-like in texture, in plaids, block and conventional patterns or solid colors. A full assortment at noteworthy prices.

Hosiery to Accompany the Winter Costume

Hosiery in every imaginable shade to harmonize or contrast with one's winter attire—here in such variety that the difficulty lies in deciding which gradation of color is loveliest. Chiffon sheer hose that will wear surprisingly well. Heavier weights that are beautifully lustrous and smooth. Beiges, greys, the rosy tints, gunmetal, evening shades—just get your mind's eye on the shade you want, and come here and get it.

Hand Bags of Rare Loveliness for HER Gift

If the problem of what to give HER has been bothering you, drop in and see this entrancing collection of exquisite Hand Bags. Then there will be no further doubt in your mind as to an appropriate gift. Beaded Bags that seem woven by fairy fingers. Metallic brocades that shimmer with light. Embroidered silks in fascinating shades. The best in bags—at moderate prices.

Charming New Sweaters in a Galaxy of Colors

The brightest of colors that winter could muster to enliven the costume. Warm and snugly fitting, such as women will appreciate these cold days. Closely, cozily knit in so many weaves that you are afforded bewildering choice. The new turtle neck, Jacquard designs, and smartly different variations in styling will win your approval. So will their very low prices.

This New Stationery Will Prove Highly Acceptable

Imported and domestic stationery that is extremely new and smart. Paris-endorsed colors—salmon, new blues, gray, tans, canary, orchid and green. Envelopes lined in contrasting or harmonizing colors. Weaves that include plaids, stripes and block effects. Such smart stationery, in fact, that the recipient will thank you mentally every time she uses it. Prices are pleasantly moderate.

Dolls That Little Mothers Will Surely Love

Every little girl's heart will go out to this collection of dolls, so if you would make her Christmas an unforgettable one, make your selection here. Dolls of all sizes, from the one of only a few inches to dolls probably as tall as your youngster. She will find any one of them a joy to own, just as you will find that their prices make them a pleasure to buy.

Toyland Is Bigger, Better and Brighter Than Ever

Toyland surpasses itself this year and offers a multitude of toys that will make Christmas morning a joy for many a youngster. Toys of every description—mechanical, educational, or simply amusing. Games for children of all ages. Dolls and everything for their wardrobes. In short, everything that a child's heart could desire. At prices that are entirely within reason.



The Christmas Store Is At Your Service

At your service by supplying scores of gifts to please folks of all ages. At your service in offering any assistance you may require, whether it is selection of a gift in case you cannot come to the store, or the special wrapping of it... Rest rooms... Information and suggestions... Service is our watchword—call on us to help you in any way possible.

Saturday's Gift Bargain NASHUA PART-WOOL BLANKETS



Regularly \$6.50

\$4.95

—Just in time for Christmas!—A fine part wool Nashua Blanket in extra large size 72x90, in all the newest plaids and colors—blue, grey, buff, lavender and gold in harmonizing effects. This blanket is bound with satinette ribbon in colors to match—As there are only 50 of these we advise early shopping. See them in our corner window.

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Choose this collection of something to wear, and you choose a gift that you know will give pleasure, not something he will use only to please you. For these articles of apparel have been chosen for men by men, and our experts have chosen with especial care so that you may find selection easy. No matter how particular he is, you will find just the right thing here.

House Coats and Bathrobes

Give him a house coat or bathrobe and show that your thoughts are concerned with his comfort. And here you will find every sort, ranging from the simple, tailored style to luxurious silk house coats. Bright colors or dark shades. All fabrics, including Terry cloth, blanket cloth, flannel and brocades. In so many models that your finding the right one is a foregone conclusion. Prices \$5.00 to \$15.00.

Pajamas

A gift that will prove your thoughtfulness. And these will testify to your good taste, in addition. Tailored pajamas in French Flannel or soft cottons in stripes and pastels. Pajamas in scores of fabric weaves, yet, however low their cost, you will find that nothing is sacrificed in the way of quality or service. \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50.

Ties

How to describe them? An impossible task, as we see it. So we can only suggest that you come in and see them for yourself. A gorgeous collection that relies on tasteful design and blending of colors for success. Silks from all over the world, fashioned into ties of rich beauty. Stripes, jacquards, moire, satin, knit ties—every sort of tie for every man's taste. 50c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00.

Slippers

For evening hours, to help him rest after the day's work Slippers so comfortable and good looking that he will enjoy wearing them. Heelless slippers. Slippers with convertible tops that can be worn high or low. Traveling slippers. In soft leathers, felt, etc., all at very moderate prices, \$1.85 to \$3.50.

It's Easy to Buy the Boy's Gift Here

For Christmas, make the boy happy by giving him something to make him proud of his appearance. A new suit. A tie and handkerchief to match. A tasteful shirt. Add to this a toy, game or book, and you can make his Christmas a joyous one. Everything for the boy—reasonable in price and chosen with care so that you may choose safely.

Shirts

Shirts that any man would be proud to acquire, so well tailored and generously cut that he cannot help but approve. And the patterns and weaves! Almost endless, they seem, when the task comes of choosing between them. Stripes, jacquard patterns, solid colors—in every imaginable shade and combination and in silks and cotton fabrics that will give wonderful service, \$1.50 to \$5.00.

For Holiday Traveling or Giving — Smart Luggage

If you're headed somewhere out of town for the Christmas holidays, you'll want your companions to be such smart luggage as this. And if you want to make your gift unusual, you will give luggage, as well. And you will be surprised and delighted to find you can give luggage for as little as \$9.75.

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