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HOLDUP MEN RIFLE MAIL CAR OF \$4,000,000

BLACKMAIL CASE AT KLAMATH IS LOCAL PARALLEL

CHIEF HATCHER SCOUTS IDEA THAT KLAMATH OFFENDER ENGINEERED SWEDENBURG EXTORTION ATTEMPT.

DETAILS OF CASE CHECK; NO EFFORT YET MADE TO COMPEL THREATENING LETTERS IN BOTH CASES.

Local police are puzzling over the possibilities of the unknown blackmailer, who attempted to extort \$1000 from Dr. Francis G. Swedenburg, 990 Boulevard, by means of threatening letters during the past month, being brought to justice by the capture of Raymond Moore, arrested in Klamath Falls and charged with complicity in an attempted blackmailing case similar to the Ashland affair. John Siemens Jr., cashier of the First State and Savings bank at Klamath Falls, received the threatening notes and was the victim of an attempt at extortion to the amount of \$2500. Similar to the Swedenburg affair, the note writer threatened to "blow up" the home of Mr. Siemens.

Chief of Police Hatcher stated this morning that he believed both attempts at blackmail were made by the same party. Hatcher, who examined the Swedenburg notes closely before turning them over to Sheriff Terrill, argues that both attempts were handled in a similar manner. He states that the notes are similar in their demands and threats of retaliation for failure to comply with the demands.

So far as could be learned today, no attempts have been made by either the local police or the county sheriff's office to ally the two cases by investigation, scouting the theory that the extortionist attempts emanated from the same source. Chief Hatcher said that the entire matter had been turned over to the sheriff's office and that he was not familiar with any action now being taken. Sheriff Terrill himself could not be reached today, although telephoned information direct from his office was to the effect that nothing had been done to compare the evidence in the Swedenburg case with that of the Klamath Falls affair. It is thought by the local police that similarity in handwriting might be observed if the threatening notes were compared.

In the local case the notes were shoved under the door of the Swedenburg home, although in Klamath Falls the letters were sent through the mail.

The name of Raymond Moore cannot be given.

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Mayer Lamkin Issues Armistice Day Proclamation

Whereas, the American Legion of Ashland are to celebrate Armistice day next Friday, November 11, in honor of the greatest event in history and to commemorate and imprint upon our minds the heroic deeds and great sacrifices made by our boys for liberty, humanity, justice, for every individual in America and the whole world. And may we always endeavor to encourage the American Legion as one of the best organizations to build up manhood, character and patriotism that we have.

And may the peace conference that is about to meet be directed of God, so that these cyclones of war that destroy so much property and so many lives of our very best citizens be stopped, and that the world may be allowed to return to its peaceful pursuits.

C. B. LAMKIN.

Postoffice Gives Advice On Parcel Post Shipments

URGES THAT CONTAINERS BE COLLECTED FOR CHRISTMAS PACKAGES

During the month of November the American Railway association and the American Railway Express company are conducting a "Perfect Package" campaign. Postmaster General Will H. Hays has requested the postmasters of the country to take advantage of this period to place before the public the importance of preparing their parcels thoroughly before handing the same to post office clerks.

Postmaster E. J. Kaiser states that the matter of close supervision and rigid enforcement of regulations governing the preparation of parcels and their admission to the mails at the Ashland post office is closely observed, not a single day passing without one or more parcels being handed back to patrons for better preparation. "What does it contain?" and "How is it packed?" are the familiar inquiries heard at the parcel post window by patrons, and the clerks report that while over 80 percent of the parcels offered are always in splendid shape for shipment there are quite a few that barely meet the requirements.

The regulations of the department in regard to the preparation of parcels, containers, etc., are posted at the parcel post window in the Ashland office.

This is a specially interesting period for the consideration of this subject, as the Christmas holiday season next month will cause the matter to be of very practical concern to every family. The local postmaster suggests that now would be a good time for families to begin collecting their Christmas containers. Many a good container is thrown away in the course of a few weeks.

MEDFORD MAN RE-ELECTED HEAD OR. FARM BUREAU

PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 8.—George A. Mansfield of Medford was re-elected president of the Oregon state farm bureau, and a program of organization work which will ultimately cover the entire state was outlined at the closing session of the second annual convention of the bureau Saturday at the Multnomah hotel.

Speakers told of the recent success in organization work in Lincoln, Coos, Polk and Yamhill counties this fall and predicted that ultimately every county in the state would have local organizations, with most of the farmers members.

V. H. Smith of Wasco was re-elected vice president, and Frank McKennon of Union county, E. C. Brown of Clackamas county, and A. E. Westcott of Washington county were named as members of the executive committee.

Resolutions declaring the farm bureau of the state in hearty accord with the move for limitation of armaments were adopted and will be dispatched to President Harding. The resolution cited the tax phase of the argument question and expressed the hope that some program which would provide for "real disarmament" would be put through.

The success of various co-operative marketing organizations launched as a result of the efforts of the farm bureau were outlined in reports made during the convention.

LLOYD GEORGE MAY RESIGN

LONDON, Nov. 8.—The possibility that Premier Lloyd George and his cabinet may resign Friday as a result of the Irish peace crisis, is being discussed in the inner circles of Downing street.

Petition Accuses A. E. F. Officers Of Autocracy

R. MATTHEWS TO PLEAD SELF DEFENSE IN MURDER TRIAL

MEDFORD, Or., Nov. 8.—Raleigh Matthews, farmer boy, went on trial yesterday morning for the alleged fatal shooting of Wilbur (Wig) Jacks at Eagle Point last September, and a tenseness marked the usual calm atmosphere of the circuit court. The maximum penalty under the charge is life imprisonment.

The task of selecting the jurors proceeded slowly, and two—N. B. Stoddard of Butte Falls, and Asbury Beall of Central Point, were excused because they had fixed opinions.

The defendant, dressed in a brown suit, sat beside his counsel, H. Z. father, Green B. Matthews, a pioneer of the Rogue River valley, sat in the far end of the room, and a brother of the prisoner at the bar occupied a seat near the front.

Self Defense to be Plea

His defense in its questioning indicated that their main contention would be self defense, and asked the prospective jurors their views on this subject, and if they had ever manifested any great interest in a murder case. They were also asked if they knew J. J. McMahon, speed cop, George W. Barker, Butte Falls banker, Walter Woods, Eagle Point stockman, John Nichols, pioneer resident of Eagle Point, or the defendant or his father.

The state in its questioning stressed the views of the prospective jurors on self defense, and asked if they had any fixed opinions or views on the tragedy.

The court at the opening of the trial granted a motion of the defense that they be permitted to examine certain papers, in the possession of the state, a ruling on the question being deferred from Saturday when it was presented to the court. This order is for letters alleged to have been passed between the two men.

It is not expected that the jury will be selected before today, and it is highly likely that the new venire

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Haz Kik



I am reliably informed that one of the three persons who stopped their Tidings because of the fight we are making on the Chamber of Commerce secretary, and a few other "prominent citizens," and because Haz Kik voted against the \$18,000 bond issue, has been "swiping" his neighbor's Tidings. We hope this is true. It goes to show that folks simply cannot do without the paper, even if they have made up their mind to "chastise" the editor for not advocating their pet schemes, whether he believed in them or not, and because he did not stand and hump his back for more than six years while a lot of these "prominent" citizens pummeled him over the reputation with a wicked "iron bar." This is just between us, because if neither of these three quitters are swiping their neighbors' Tidings, they won't see it.

HAZ KIK.

3000 COMMUNISTS DIE IN UKRAINIAN FIGHTING

LONDON, Nov. 8.—Three thousand and communists were killed in the fighting that ensued when Ukrainian rebels seized ten Russian towns, according to a Helsingfors dispatch, quoting the soviet newspaper Isvestia. The mobilization of the soviet troops has been ordered at Odessa, the dispatch stated.

The total stress of the wires in a Steinway piano is equivalent to a weight of 72,000 pounds.

RETIREMENT OF RESERVE OFFICERS ON PAY OPPOSED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 8.—Officers of the American Legion are accused of having "arrogated" to themselves prerogatives of autocratic aristocracy, and of having "court martialed 400,000 enlisted men, chiefly because of their failure to be dazzled by the glorious effulgence of their shoulder straps and Sam Brown belts," in a petition from the national committee of the private soldiers and sailors league presented today to the senate.

The petition also opposed the passage of the pending bill to retire former reserve officers of the American expeditionary forces, who incurred disability during the war, with three-quarters pay and the same privileges as regular officers.

NEWS BRIEFS

GENEVA, Nov. 8.—Lloyd George, British premier, has telegraphed the secretary of the League of Nations requesting that the league council meet to consider the situation in Albania, where the Albanians and Jugo Slavs are at war. Great Britain alleged that Serbia (Jugo Slavia) is refusing to execute the terms of the peace treaty.

ROME, Nov. 8.—The capture of the important city of Scutari by Serbian troops is imminent, according to Jugo-Slav sources of information. The Serbians have already captured Alessio, which isolates Scutari. The fighting between the Albanian forces and Jugo-Slavs continued today.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 8.—After a brief but stormy debate the senate today adopted a resolution requesting the American delegation to use every influence to obtain open sessions and complete publicity for the coming disarmament conference.

Cleanup Squad Settle Claims Of Ex-Service Men

DECEMBER 31 IS LAST DAY TO REINSTATE WAR-RISK INSURANCE

Yesterday and today the Cleanup squad has been working in the basement of the city library, adjusting all kinds of claims for local ex-service men. Dr. O. Edward is the medical officer, Keith Kiggins the Red Cross representative, Warren Snook the field secretary, William P. Wise the vocational training man, and Cliff Wood the one who looks after compensation and insurance claims. The latter is from Portland and has visited Ashland before in a similar capacity. The work has been improved in two ways, explains Mr. Wood. Three boards have been combined, which cuts a lot of red tape and enables applicants to get quicker and better action. The work is also being decentralized by the establishment of branch offices and sub-stations, one of which will be located at Portland. Arrangements are also being made to handle the insurance business through the post offices, which will further facilitate such matters.

Mr. Wood wishes particularly to call attention to the fact that December 31 is the last day on which insurance policies which have been allowed to lapse can be reinstated. Very favorable terms can now be obtained, and those who fail to take advantage of them and thus lose their insurance will afterwards keenly regret the omission, in the opinion of this officer.

The squad will be in Medford on Wednesday and Thursday, which will enable those who fail to see them here to get action in the neighboring city.

G. A. R. VETERANS TO LEAD PARADE ARMISTICE DAY

The Ashland G. A. R. will lead the street procession Armistice day to the high school for the dedication of the bronze memorial tablet given by the high school alumni in honor of the Ashland men who died or were killed while in the service during the world war. The wives of the civil war veterans have been asked by the committee in charge to accompany their husbands to the exercises. Special provision will be made for them at the high school in order that they will not be exposed to any unnecessary hardship.

In a statement issued this morning, G. A. Briscoe, superintendent of schools, says:

"All the organizations of the city are asked to help make Armistice day one worth while to the people of Ashland. This can be done if everyone—those who are members in organizations and those who are not—will make just a little sacrifice to observe the day."

The parade will form at the Plaza between 10 and 10:30 o'clock Friday morning. The parade will start for the school at 10:30 o'clock, and will be in charge of Donald Spencer, adjutant of the American Legion, who has been appointed grand marshal. The following order will be observed:

City band, G. A. R. and W. R. C., world war veterans and all ex-service men, Boy Scouts, D. A. R., W. C. T. U., city officials and school board, chamber of commerce, lodges, high school alumni and high school and school children, and citizens.

Those having part in the ceremonies are Victor Mills, presentation of memorial to American Legion for dedication; acceptance of memorial, Glen Simpson; dedication of memorial, American Legion; Star Spangled Banner, band; high school chorus and citizens; address, Professor Irving Vining.

ROBBERS SET FIRE TO CAR AFTER LOOTING

BANDITS BLOW OFF DOOR OF MAIL CAR WITH DYNAMITE WHEN CLERKS REFUSE TO ALLOW ENTRANCE.

FIVE MEN ARE SUGGED IN MIXUP AND PORTER EXPECTED TO DIE; ROBBERS SET FIRE TO LOOTED CAR.

PAXTON, Ill., Nov. 8.—Postal inspectors and railroad officials arriving on a special train at the scene of a daring holdup of an Illinois Central train near here by seven masked bandits last night, are astonished at the boldness of the robbers and are unable to estimate the amount of the loot. Postal inspectors are scouting reports circulated that the loss was from fire. The theft, the officials state, may reach \$4,000,000.

The train robbers used dynamite, nitroglycerine, gasoline, odor bombs and kerosene in the execution of the robbery, setting fire to the mail car after dropping bombs through the car ventilators. The door of the mail car was blown off with dynamite and nitroglycerine when the mail clerks refused them entrance. The flames wrecked the car, consuming tons of mail.

The bandits shot and slugged five men on the train who attempted to interfere with them. A negro porter, one of the victims who were attacked, is not expected to live.

CHICAGO, Nov. 8.—An unconfirmed report is to the effect that a proposed ten per cent wage cut has been submitted to employes of western railroads.

Brownsville Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin and two children, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oxford, of Brownsville, returned home yesterday after a few days visits with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Oxford.

Eugeneers Like Ashland

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Snodgrass, of Eugene, left this morning for California, after a two days' stop at the Hotel Ashland. Mr. Snodgrass is a well-known banker of Lane county and both he and Mrs. Snodgrass expressed themselves as much pleased with our city.

Big Armistice Day Celebration For Medford

MEDFORD, Or., Nov. 8.—(Special.)—No event of recent years in Southern Oregon has promised as much entertainment for one day, as the Armistice day celebration which will be staged here November 11. Beginning at 9 o'clock a. m., a continuous program of features which include band music and comic parade, Rogue River apple exposition at the Chamber of Commerce, admittance free, football game between Albany and Medford high schools, grand parade of military, civic, fraternal and other organizations, patriotic, mercantile and comic floats and decorated autos, Ladies Auxiliary reception for ladies, with program and refreshments, a big smoker with the best boxing card ever put on in Medford, a band concert, special church services and last, but not least, the annual Armistice day ball.

Personal invitations and programs of the day's events have been mailed out to over 6000 families by the American Legion, and, according to reports from surrounding counties, Medford will entertain as large a crowd as ever assembled at an Ashland celebration. Visit at Jacksonville—Mrs. J. R. Edwards was a business visitor in Jacksonville today.

First Down and Six Months to Go

