

PORTLAND TAILOR COMES TO GRIEF AS BLACKMAILER

PORTLAND, Ore., May 1.—Ernest J. Elmgren, a tailor arrested late yesterday as he was about to take a package supposed to contain \$2000 confessed today that he had sent threatening letters to J. P. Rasmussen, local paint dealer, Deputy Sheriff Pratt and Christensen announced.

Elmgren was taken into custody on the Powell valley road at a spot where Rasmussen had been directed to leave a package containing \$2000. The package, however, was made up of old papers.

The officers said Elmgren confessed he conceived the plot to extort the money from Rasmussen after reading a series of stories in a weekly magazine.

He said he was heavily in debt as a result of financial difficulties and failure to succeed in his tailor shop. He had known Rasmussen and made clothes for him for 15 years, he admitted.

Officers said he had also admitted planning to send a threatening letter to another man, John Dalquist.

Elmgren said he never intended to carry out the threats contained in his letter to Rasmussen.

In a letter Rasmussen received he was told that his buildings would be burned and that acid would be poured in his automobiles unless he complied with the directions to turn over the money.

MOTOR TRAFFIC PROBLEM VEXING SAYS PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, May 1.—President Coolidge declared today that the vexing transportation and industrial problem in the cities must be dealt with by the "broadest and most inclusive view." A solution cannot be worked out solely by quick movement of traffic, he said.

The president's statement was made in an address at the White House to a group of secretaries of motor clubs affiliated with the American Automobile association.

"It seems fairly certain," asserted Mr. Coolidge, "that if a half century ago men could have foreseen the transportation revolution they would have agreed that it meant an end to the congestion of population in the limited areas of cities. It would have been assumed that when once the business man and the working man found themselves able to live many miles away from their employment, there would immediately begin a sweeping re-distribution of population, spreading it over wider areas and organizing it in quite different communities."

"Yet experience has been quite the contrary. Instead of using the new transit facilities to end overcrowding, people have seemed determined to crowd themselves more than ever. The apartment house, the skyscraper commercial building and the elevator have tended to increase congestion. Electric railways, subways and motor cars have tended to diffusion of the people. It must be said that thus far the victories have been all on the side of the skyscraper, the elevator and an ever-increasing congestion of population."

"Some recent studies by engineers and sociologists have led to doubt whether the superior efficiency of the very great cities as business, industrial and cultural centers can be taken altogether for granted. They have advantages, but they also have disadvantages; and the disadvantages seem to be multiplying fastest."

The Markets

Livestock
PORTLAND, Ore., May 1.—Cattle: nominally steady; receipts 35. Hogs slow; receipts 275 (120 direct). Sheep weak; receipts 605.

Eggs
PORTLAND, Ore., May 1.—Eggs steady unchanged. Current receipts 26c; pullets 23 1/2 c; firsts 24 1/2 c; 25c; henneries 26 1/2 c delivered Portland.

Butter
Butter—Cube butter weak. Plentiful. Prints unchanged. Extra cubes, city 40c; standards 39 1/2 c; prime firsts 39c; undergrades nominal; prints 42c cartons 43c.

Butterfat steady. Best churning cream 40c net shippers' track in zone one; 41c delivered Portland.

Poultry
Poultry quiet. Heavy hens 23 1/2 c; light 22 1/2 c; broilers 25 1/2 c.

Potatoes
Onions firm, higher, \$5.50. Potatoes firm, higher, \$2.25.

Portland Wheat
PORTLAND, Ore., May 1.—Wheat bids: Hard white, bluestem, hard \$1.70; soft white \$1.57; western white \$1.55; hard winter \$1.56; northern spring \$1.58; western red, \$1.53; BBB hard white, \$1.80.

Today's car receipts—Wheat, 1; flour, 3; oats, 4; hay, 6.

San Francisco Markets
SAN FRANCISCO, May 1.—Butterfat f.o.b. San Francisco 46 1/2 c.

OLD ONIONS AND POTATOES BRING RECORD PRICES

PORTLAND, Ore., May 1.—There is almost a runaway market now in old onions and potatoes locally.

Although new crop stocks are coming in liberally, and prices are declining rapidly holders of old stocks of potatoes and onions are asking prices almost unreasonably—and getting them. Very little of the old crop remains in this state and the few dribbles, here and there, are in strong hands.

Restaurants, hotels, and the grocers are still using old stock and need it and naturally must pay the price. It is doubtful, however, if old potatoes and onions will go much higher.

Today old potatoes, U. S. No. 1 grade of Burbanks are selling wholesale at \$2.75 with some fancy Deschutes gems gringing \$3. Number

one Yakima gems are firm at \$3 and probably will be held a quarter higher the first of the week. Buyers have to pay \$2.25 to \$2.35 in the country for old potatoes today and \$3.50 a ton in Yakima.

New crop potatoes are plentiful at 5 1/2 to 6c and getting cheaper with each new shipment.

Extreme prices on old onions as high as \$6 are heard along the street with the bulk of sales around \$5.75.

City Manager Takes Post.
OREGON CITY, Ore., May 1.—J. L. Franzen, city manager, officially took over the reins of city government today.

C. W. Kelly, in addition to dispensing the duties of municipal judge and city recorder, has acted in the capacity of city manager for the past year.

The Screen

At the Craterian, Saturday.
Dramatic suspense built purely upon the remarkable characterization of a single actor has never reached the heights in previous films that it does in "He Who Gets Slapped," which will be repeated again tomorrow matinee and night at Hunt's Craterian, laying off tonight for the Senior High school play. The characterization is Leon Chaney's. There is but one other character of Chaney's that is comparable with this, and that his Quasimodo in "The Hunchback of Notre Dame."

Chaney has lived his character roles, no matter how grotesque or picturesque they may have been, with the genuine love of his impersonations such as only an artist feels for his canvas.

This picture depicts in the spirit of Leonid Andreyev's play, from which it was adapted, and preserves the fine satire and delicate subtlety that so distinguishes his work.

Spirit Night at Balto.
With the matinee for ladies only this afternoon, to be followed at 8:30 p. m. with his escape from a mad house straight jacket in front of the theater and the spirit cabinets tonight in addition to his regular performance, Al-burtus will be a "spirit night," when what he calls his "spirit night," when he will introduce the cabinets and many of the salient features of spiritualistic manifestations. He claims to be the only medium in the world ever able to get favorable results in the bright open light.

Montgomery Ward Sales Break Record

CHICAGO, May 1.—Sales of Montgomery Ward and company for April, amounting to \$14,528,116, were the largest for any April in the history of the company and increased 5.76 per cent over sales of April, 1924, according to an official report. Total sales for the first four months of 1925 were \$55,935,281, or 8.4 per cent more than for the same period in 1924.

April 1925, was the thirty-ninth consecutive month for which an increase was shown over the corresponding month of the previous year, the report said.

NATRON CUT OFF TO BE DONE IN 1926

PORTLAND, Ore., May 1.—Construction of the Eugene-Klamath Falls cut-off of the Southern Oregon system is progressing rapidly and should be completed early next year. It is stated in the annual report of Julius Kruttschnitt, chairman of the executive committee of the company's directors to the 57,512 shareholders. The report has been received by officials of the company here.

To complete the cut-off requires the building of 107.75 miles of main line and 29 miles of siding, according to Chairman Kruttschnitt's report.

Of the 52.7 miles still to be completed, all of the right of way has been cleared, 31 miles have been graded ready for ties and rails, and the grading and tunnel work on the remaining 31.7 miles of line is progressing.

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Boy Attacked By Farm Dog Is Nearly Killed

EUGENE, Ore., May 1.—W. E. "Ted" Mays of Cottage Grove came near to losing his life yesterday afternoon when he was attacked by a large alreadale dog on the upper McKenzie river, according to a story told at Springfield, where he was taken for medical attention.

Mays had entered the yard of a farm home, according to the story, when the big dog leaped from a porch biting him on arm and face. Children pulled the animal from Mays.

A half dozen stitches were taken in the tear on his face and his arm was badly bruised where the animal's teeth had sunk through his coat.

The Undertaker Wins Finally.
PORTLAND, Ore., May 1.—Jung Foo, 71, who was working in a hop yard at Hubbard, Ore., was seized with apoplexy yesterday and friends thought he was dead. They sent for an undertaker, who discovered the man was alive. The undertaker rushed him to a hospital here, but Jung Foo died early this morning.

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