

# HEAR FIRST WORD OF MUDGE SINCE HURRIED FLIGHT

Lawyer Declines to Reveal Present Whereabouts—Objects to Suit Filed by Wife in District Court.

Clifford C. Mudge yesterday filed an objection in district court to the jurisdiction of this court in the sensational suit brought by his wife, Edith Mudge, who found him living in Omaha at the St. Regis apartments with his affinity, Frances Reeme on August 9, 1919.

This is the first word heard from Mr. Mudge, since he and Miss Reeme fled from Omaha when they learned that his wife was on their trail.

**Claim Suit Invalid.**  
The papers were filed in district court by Alfred Munger, attorney for Mr. Mudge.

They state that the pretended service on Mr. Mudge, in the suit of his wife, was invalid because, when the summons in her suit was left at apartment 201, St. Regis, that had ceased to be Mr. Mudge's home. "I do not know where Mr. Mudge is at this time," said Mr. Munger. "He is in parts unknown. I received my instructions through someone else to file these objections. The effect of this thing will be to hold up the awards made to Mrs. Mudge on September 10."

**Mudge Coming Back.**  
"Does Mr. Mudge intend to return to Omaha?" he was asked. "Yes, in the proper time when the way has been prepared, he will appear here," said Mr. Munger.

Mrs. Mudge was granted a decree giving her \$75 a month alimony, possession of the furniture in apartment 201 St. Regis, occupied by Mr. Mudge and Miss Reeme for two years, and an order to open Mr. Mudge's safety deposit box in the United States National bank. The furniture in the apartment is worth \$2,000. Not much of value was found when the deposit box was opened.

In the apartment of Mr. Mudge and his affinity were found letters breathing the tenderest affection for the young woman with whom he lived. "My darling Frances, my love for whom will last beyond the grave," was one of the expressions contained in these letters.

**Wife Searched Continually.**  
Mr. Mudge and Miss Reeme lived here under the name "Mr. and Mrs. Don Wallace." He was a security salesman and had a large income, said to have been from \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Mrs. Mudge lived with her two daughters, Alia and Beta, in Chicago, and later in New York. She kept up a continual hunt for her husband.

Mrs. Mudge filed a suit against Miss Reeme in McPherson, Kan. Miss Reeme's former home, about three weeks ago, asking \$50,000

## Mute Solicitor for Lithuanian Tag Day Gets Best Results



Of the 205 collectors on Omaha's streets yesterday, tag day for Lithuanian war sufferers, none met with greater success than "Toby," the intelligent Gordon setter and faithful pet of Rev. J. Olechnowicz, pastor of St. Anthony's church.

Due to the shortage of collectors, Father Olechnowicz resorted to this unique method. Up and down Farnam street, with a box fastened under his chin, Toby made his mute appeal for his master's suffering people.

Father Olechnowicz declared the dog received material responses to 90 per cent of his solicitations.

## Pet Names Land Negro In Jail; Hurls Threat After Being Fined \$50

An alleged endearing conversation over the telephone to Mrs. Fred Welsh, 1921 Chicago street, together with a threat, while in the city jail, that he "would get her," brought a \$50 fine and further detention in jail to Dick Kennedy, negro, 816 South Twenty-second street yesterday in Central police court.

Mrs. Welsh had Kennedy arrested, it is alleged, after he called her "endearing words" over the telephone. For that offense, Kennedy was fined \$50 and costs. As Mrs. Welsh was leaving the station after testifying against Kennedy, the negro shouted from the bull pen: "I'll get you." Several minutes later, Kennedy was again booked for threatened assault and battery. Acting Police Judge Holmes ordered him held for the grand jury.

## New York Banker Dies

Nyack, N. Y., Oct. 11.—James N. Wallace, president of the Central Union Trust company of New York, died early today from heart disease.

damages for alienation of Mr. Mudge's affections. A criminal charge has also been filed against Mr. Mudge here by Mrs. Mudge.

# Landlord of the El Beudor Apartments Past Master in the Art of Rent Gouging

His Latest Exhibition of Profiteering Is an Increase Which Brings Rent of Small Flat to \$40 a Week, or \$160 a Month—Also Has Other Ways to Impose on Helpless Tenants—Prices for Laundry Just Doubled.

The full refinement of tenant-gouging has been mastered by the landlord of the El Beudor apartments, Eighteenth and Dodge streets, according to tenants in the building.

With all apartments in the city filled to capacity, the landlord of the El Beudor is pursuing a policy of rent-raising, the latest exhibition of which is an increase of \$3 a week in apartments having two rooms and a kitchenette, besides three small closets, called a bath room and dressing rooms. Other apartments were raised in rent proportionately.

This brings the rent of this small apartment to \$40 a week, or \$160 a month.

## Rent Not Only Raise.

But this landlord knows other ways of gouging his helpless tenants besides raising the rent. For example, prices for laundry have just been doubled. Some increases were as follows: Bedspreads, formerly 10 cents, now 20 cents; sheets, formerly 3 cents, now 10 cents; napkins, formerly 1 cent, now 2 cents; dresser scarfs, formerly 3 cents, now 5 cents.

The refinements of the rent-raising art are shown by the fact that a few articles, seldom washed, like bed pads and lace curtains, were not increased in price.

One woman who, with her husband, occupies one of the \$40 apartments, told of another way that the landlord is profiteering.

"When we took this apartment we had scrub maid service every other day," she said. "Within a few weeks this was reduced to twice a week, and later to once a week, and now we are lucky if we get this service once in 10 days."

## Must Pay For Them.

"When we came here the bed linens and towels were all furnished and laundered free. About a month later we received notice that we would have to pay for them."

"The price of ice books which was \$1.50 at first is now \$1.80."

"Before we came here we lived at the Hotel Fontenelle and we had a splendid room for \$100 a month. And we had service which we don't get here. The housekeeper called at least once a week and asked how our room was. She would come and inspect it and frequently call in another maid and make her do the cleaning again. Everything was speckless."

"Here in the El Beudor the service is frightful. I came in here one day after the scrub maid was supposed to have done her work and I

rubbed a cloth over the floor in one place and it was as black as ink. The woodwork was covered with dust and the windows were grimy.

## Increases Right Along.

"Things aren't like this in other cities. My husband and I and our son lived in the Victoria hotel in Des Moines in a suite of rooms nearly twice as big as these and we paid \$60 a month rent. When we left there a friend of ours took the apartment. That was a year ago. I heard just recently that the rent to place is only \$65."

The story of the El Beudor as told by other tenants is one of continual increases in rents and prices of service. Hardly a week passes without increases of some sort.

Tenants live there in constant protest, but helpless because of the scarcity of apartments, to do anything but submit to imposition.

## Owned by Home Builders.

The El Beudor is owned by the Home Builders, Inc., G. A. Rohrbough, vice president, and C. C. Shimer, secretary of the Home Builders, are both connected with the American Security Co., which is a member of the Omaha Realtors, which organization, with that of the Rental association, is responsible for rent profiteering in this city.

## Ashes of Former Omahan Are Brought Here for Burial

Alexander Atkinson, a former pioneer resident of Omaha, died October 2 in Boston, Mass. The body of Mr. Atkinson was cremated and the ashes arrived in Omaha yesterday. He was formerly an employe in the advertising department of The Bee and was well known as a newspaper man when he lived here. Mr. Atkinson's first wife was a leading milliner in Omaha in the early '80s.

Funeral services will be held Monday morning at 10 under the auspices of the Masonic lodge, of which he was a member of Nebraska Lodge No. 1. The ashes will be placed in a vault in Prospect Hill cemetery.

## First Alaskan Iron Ore Tested at Treadwell

Menana, Alaska, Oct. 1.—(By Mail.)—Eight tons of iron ore, the first, it is said, to be treated and shipped in Alaska, are being tested in the electric furnaces at Treadwell. The ore comes from a deposit owned by Barney IHnes on the beach at Snettisham, a port in Stephen's passage on the Alexander archipelago.

# The Thompson-Belden Store



## An Odd Little Bag...

Rose-colored satin, gathered half way round a circle made up of tiny ribbon roses strewn round a large, flat rose; two of these circles, one concealing a large and usable mirror, the other lined with satin; two rose-colored cords, held by a slide formed by two small roses; a bag anyone would be proud to own; especially charming with a dancing frock.

Stop and see it. Just to the right as you enter.

June See

## Washable Leather Gloves...

One-clasp Bacmo gloves for street wear, of brown, tan, gray and beige; washable leather, priced at \$3.50 pair. Slip-ons and gauntlets in tan, gray and field-mouse are from \$3.75 and \$4.75 a pair.

## Women's Heavier Union Suits

Silk and wool suits, either low, round or high necks, ankle length, are priced \$4; extra size, \$4.50. Fine ribbed cotton union suits may be had in various styles, priced \$2; extra size, \$2.25. Flesh colored glove silk vests, an exceptional quality for \$3.50.



## Extensive Apparel Collections

FULFILLING every need of well-gowned women. A display of exceptional beauty, consisting of authentic representations of the mode—adaptations of fashion decrees from Paris.

- ¶ Dresses of tricotine, duvetyn, Poiret twill, jersey and serge for street wear.
- ¶ Dresses of satin, tricolore, fan-tasi, and Georgette for afternoon affairs.
- ¶ Dinner gowns and dancing frocks in all the lustrous, gayly colored silks, spangles and beads in vogue this Autumn.
- ¶ Suits of superior beauty, of fabric and line, fur-trimmed and heavily embroidered, or severely tailored.
- ¶ Wraps for street and evening wear—with the fine flowing lines of "La Merveilleuse," the more graceful dolman, or straight-lined and belted.
- ¶ And furs of such evident perfection that you'll be charmed immediately.

Apparel Section—Third Floor



# What is the Spell Of the Essex?

The Car Men Say Combines Small Car Economy With Costly Car Quality, at Moderate Price

There is an enchantment about the Essex that intimacy does not dispel.

For instance, many who ride in it only a few times, afterwards describe it as "a large, high-priced car."

Of course this description is not true. Yet it is made in faith. That is the distinct impression registered by the ride.

It is interesting that such an impression persists about a car so widely known and discussed. For fully half a million now intimately know the Essex. And more than 12,000 are in service.

## Its Charm Is Contagious

Frequently owners of Essex cars speak of this feeling of riding in a big car. One writes:

"I know the Essex is not a big car. But I can't make myself believe it. Plenty of leg room, spaciousness, solidity, and riding ease as smooth as a swallow's flight, undoubtedly produce this feeling. I call it the spell of the Essex."

From the first, you have noticed how men always compare Essex quality and performance with that of large, costly cars. It is not associated in their minds with small cars.

Yet they appreciate its small car advantage too. Its economy, steering ease and agility in threading traffic are valued by every owner.

Also, it is because the Essex is small that such quality is possible at a moderate price.

## A Ride Reveals Essex Quality

Perhaps you have ridden in the Essex. If so you know its appeal. And you understand the pride owners manifest.

They regard it with real affection, the confidence men reserve for merit.

More than a car of unusual qualities, it is a companion. In action it seems a part of the driver, responsive to every mood. Loitering along at two or three miles an hour, or facing long, fast tours cross-country, the driver of an Essex is always reliant; always confident of his destination.

Few care to extend the Essex to top speed. But it is good to know that speed without limit is underfoot if needed.

Moreover, Essex power means acceleration. It gives Essex right of way everywhere.

## Big Car Performance Small Car Economy

Women say its appearance captivates. Its spirited lines, color and performance are smartly distinctive, among motor modes. The Essex Sedan has won special favor with the growing numbers who prefer a closed car.

In the Essex, men say, are met the fine qualities of performance that distinguish the best of high-priced cars, with the economy of cost and operation that is an exclusive light car advantage.

When you know the Essex you will want one. Its popularity indicates a continued shortage. Don't suffer disappointment by delay in placing your order.

# GUY L. SMITH

"SERVICE FIRST" 2863-5-7 FARNAM ST. OMAHA, U.S.A. PHONE DOUGLAS 1970

## ...Tomorrow... THE BLANKET SALE

an annual affair which offers unusual savings

Fine blankets provide more warmth and give longer wear and greater satisfaction than the more ordinary qualities. Good blankets are decidedly worth-while at regular prices and particularly so when prices are reduced for a sale such as this one Monday.

This is an opportunity, right at the beginning of cold weather, to supply your requirements at a distinct saving. There are also advantages in coming early tomorrow.

## No misrepresentations as to qualities, original prices or reductions

Plain blankets in various very attractive color combinations. These have a fine wool finish and are 66x80 inches in size.

Four grades specially priced Monday, \$5.50, \$6.50, \$7.00 and \$7.50 a pair.

All-wool and wool-mixed blankets in plaids, grays and white with colored borders in both three-quarter and double bed sizes. Some in this lot are slightly soiled, but are perfect otherwise. The majority are new. These have sold up to \$18. Tomorrow they go at two prices, \$9.50 and \$12.50 a pair.

Fine wool blankets in grays, white and handsome broken plaid effects, many being finished with silk binding, others strongly serged. These are priced during this sale at \$9.50, \$12, \$14, \$15 to \$27.50 a pair.

Wool nap blankets in gray only, with striped borders. These are fine blankets for wear and come in full double bed size.

\$8 quality for \$6.50 a pair.

The New Bedding Section—Second Floor

## Values in Huck Toweling...

15-inch Huck, priced 75c a yard.

20-inch Huck, priced \$1.25 a yard.

22-inch Huck, priced \$1.50 a yard.

This pure linen huck is priced much below the wholesale price of today. In fact, for the very little linen which can be procured, the price is practically prohibitive, so that these prices are remarkably low.

—Linen Section.

## La Grecque Corset...

New models, displaying the exact silhouette fashion now demands, will convince you of their superiority. Our expert corsetiers will help you in selecting the special model that will most enhance your figure. This corset is

Priced \$3.50 Up

—Second Floor.



## Materials for Lamp Shades

An exceptionally large and varied collection of wire frames is on hand.

Silks, Georgettes and crepe de chine in a splendid range of shades and designs.

Fringes, braid and tassels to correspond.

We make the shades to order or assist you in the making.

There is no charge for lessons when materials are purchased in this department.

—Art Dept., Second Floor

## Colored Umbrellas...

A new umbrella to match or contrast with your Fall suit or coat. Short handles, convenient rings or loops of silk for the arm, new shapes in blues, greens, browns, grays, purple, red and black.

—To the Lift As You Enter