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MOVIE CHIEF MURDERED IN LOS ANGELES

William D. Taylor is Found
Dead Early This Morn-
ing In His Home.

BULLET WAS FIRED IN BACK OF NECK

Taylor Was Apparently Seated
at His Desk Examining
Check When Someone Shot
from Behind.

(By Associated Press)

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 2.—William D. Taylor, chief director of one of the largest film companies here, was found dead in his home early today, shot through the neck, evidently murdered.

The body was found near his desk upon which was a cancelled check. The wound indicated that the shot was fired from behind by some person standing while Taylor was apparently seated before his desk examining the check. The bullet went through the neck, ranging downward and penetrating the heart.

Preparations Being Made for Miners' Impending Strike

Mine Workers Formulating New Demands While Department of Justice Prepares for Industrial Strife.

(By Associated Press)

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 2.—The United Mine Workers of America scale committee which will formulate the demands to replace the agreement expiring next month will meet here next Wednesday.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The department of justice is working out plans to cope with the threatened coal miners' strike the end of next month.

Seven-Year-Old Girl Passed On Last Night

Little Edna May Rhodes, aged seven, passed on last night at about 6 o'clock at her home. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Rhodes and has only been ill since Sunday.

Her body is now at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman chapel and funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Policeman Wants Damages From a Pendleton Paper

PENDLETON, Ore., Feb. 2.—W. R. (Jinks) Taylor, city police chief, today filed suit for \$10,000 damages against the Pendleton Tribune, alleging defamation of character from recent accusations made by the paper.

No indictments were made by the grand jury following investigations of various officers regarding alleged misconduct charged by the Tribune, according to a formal report made at 8:30 Tuesday night.

The grand jury recommends, however, that E. F. B. Ridgway, special prohibition officer, not be re-employed, but asserts the report should not serve to impair his usefulness in any other capacity or position. The grand jury was unable to establish that he had ever taken a bribe, had ever been drunk or had ever sold liquor. The jury did find that Ridgway had taken a drink or drinks, while in the performance of his duties, and gave the opinion that Ridgway should have arrested the man who gave him the drink.

L. D. S. Church to Honor Birthday of Penrose

Sunday the local L. D. S. church will feature those Sunday. The and the M. I. A. will pay homage to M. I. A. is arranging special services President Charles W. Penrose of Salt Lake, who will observe his 95th birthday Saturday. President Penrose has been active in church circles for many years as a missionary, editor, author and church executive. He has written ten many church tracts and songs and still fully retains pen and the services of the local church and mental faculties.

CONTRACTORS BLAMED FOR BIG DISASTER

Snow Not to Blame for the
Knickerbocker Theatre
Collapse Says Senator
from Idaho.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—"Cheap and faulty construction and not the heavy snowfall of last Saturday was responsible for the collapse of the Knickerbocker theatre," said Senator Gooding Wednesday, after he, with other members of the District of Columbia committee had viewed the wreck in company with competent engineers and technical advisers.

"It is perfectly apparent to anyone, after viewing that ruin," the senator added, "that faulty construction alone accounts for the horrible disaster. The walls of the theatre, still standing, are too light to have safely carried the enormous weight of the roof. The trusses and girders on which the roof was built were merely laid in place on top of the walls, which are mostly of hollow tile. These trusses and girders were not even anchored into the walls and when they began to slip, nothing could stop the entire roof tumbling in."

Crime Charged.
"It is an amazing thing that the building inspector, supposed to know something about structural strength and building design, would have passed the Knickerbocker plans in the first place, or would have passed the building when finished. A great crime was committed when that building was sanctioned and erected and our committee not only is going to the bottom of this disaster, but will see to it that appropriate measures are taken to prevent a recurrence."

"With all this, I am convinced that congress is in part to blame. Congress makes appropriations for the District of Columbia; it provides meager salaries for building inspectors, men are hired to inspect just such buildings as the Knickerbocker. And to that extent, responsibility for incompetent and inefficient inspection can properly be laid at the doors of congress."

UNCLE SAM IN SUNNY COUNTRY

In his annual pilgrimage Uncle Sam Brooks of Imbler has been seeing some things of interest and in a letter to the Observer he speaks of cheap taxi fares in Southern California. Uncle Sam spoke of thirty-five cents for eight miles of travel and dwelt upon the courteous drivers who were after the business at that price.

When he entered Los Angeles Mr. Brooks said he noticed there was not so many people on the streets as a year ago but building is progressing and many one- and two- and three-story buildings are being torn down to make places for higher structures.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press)

DUBLIN, Feb. 2.—A serious situation has arisen over the boundary between Ulster and South Ireland; it was officially stated as the result of a conference today between Sir James Craig, Ulster premier, and Michael Collins, head of the new Irish provisional government.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Edward L. Shaughnessy of Chicago, second assistant postmaster general, died today of injuries suffered in the Knickerbocker disaster Saturday night.

(By Associated Press)

ROME, Feb. 2.—Premier Bonomi announced his resignation from the cabinet in the chamber of deputies today.

Pericopes are to be tried experimentally by British police, to increase their range of vision.

EXPENDITURE FOR ROADS IN 1921 WAS BIG

State of Oregon Invested
Over Eighteen Million
Dollars in Roads.

UNION COUNTY'S SHARE IS LARGE

Tremendous Growth of Good
Road Movement Noted in
Past Four Years With
Huge Gain in Taxes Spent

SALEM, Feb. 2.—The tremendous growth of the good roads movement in Oregon is shown in the annual report of the state highway department, filed with Governor O'Scott, Tuesday. In summarizing expenditures for road work in this state under the supervision of the state commission the report shows total expenditures since 1913 aggregating \$44,149,673.09.

Oregon's start in road development was made in 1913-14 with an expenditure of \$1,200,000.00, of which \$1,000,000 was county money and the balance state money. In 1915 road expenditures were limited to \$574,977.45 and in 1916 expenditures for road improvements slumped to but \$296,028.86. From that year, however, expenditures have shown a steady gain, reaching the tremendous sum of \$18,246,821.37 in 1921.

In the four year period, 1918-1921 road improvement work done under the supervision of the commission was limited to 7.3 miles of bituminous pavement, 14.3 miles of concrete pavement, 19.8 miles of broken stone or gravel surfacing and 100.2 miles of grading.

In the year 1921 alone road work completed under the supervision of the commission included 125 miles of bituminous pavement, 435.9 miles of broken stone or gravel surfacing and 487.7 miles of grading.

State Pays Most.

Up to the end of the fiscal year, November 30, 1921, road work completed in this state under the supervision of the commission included 489.8 miles of bituminous pavement, 105 miles of concrete pavement, 974.9 miles of broken stone or gravel surfacing and 1422.9 miles of grading. Of the \$44,149,673.09 expended on the roads of this state by the highway department, \$36,195,054.08 has been state funds, \$4,387,763.05 county funds, \$3,502,835.58 government funds, and \$64,039.78 railroad funds.

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M. E. CHURCH INSTITUTE TO CLOSE TODAY

Afternoon Session Will
Mark Ending of One of
the Most Successful
Conferences in District.

By tonight a very interesting and instructive institute will have been concluded by the Methodists of the La Grande district. The three-day institute will not continue over into an evening session but will adjourn with this afternoon's studies.

All members of the area team, composed of 11 prominent clergymen headed by Bishop Burns, finished their part of the institute last evening and have gone on their way. Those here today are devoting most of their attention to matters of the district business, under the leadership of district Superintendent Ira R. Aldrich. Papers and discussion were read and led by clergy and laymen from Idaho and Eastern Oregon points.

Last evening's program was one of instruction. The pageant directed by Rev. Powell, a returned India missionary, was intended to impress the needs of fulfilling every promise made in the Centenary movement.

The closing number of the evening was a presentation of what Methodists are doing in the foreign field with centenary moneys, before the request to the lecture the evening before, when Shantung, China, was the presenter of the pictures last evening.

The caliber of the area team, the attendance, and the interest on the part of the public are reported to be up to a high standard.

Harding Balks at Part of Refunding Allied Debt Bill

Further Action Deferred Until
Consultation with Harding; Revision
of Rivers and Harbors Bill.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The president objects to some provisions of the allied debt funding bill as passed by the senate, according to information given today to the house ways and means committee. Chairman Fordney said that action will be deferred until he could consult Harding.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—A revision of all legislation for appropriations for rivers and harbors will be undertaken by the senate commerce committee, Chairman Jones announced in the senate in connection with a bill he introduced providing for authorizations not exceeding seventeen million dollars yearly.

Passengers and others killed in French railway accidents during 1920 numbered 122.



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NEW TAXES FOR BONUS PROPOSED

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The soldier bonus should be paid from special taxes such as increased first and second class postage and tobacco levies, Secretary Mellon declared today before the house ways and means committee.

Mellon reiterated that it was impracticable to depend upon foreign debts for financing the bonus, because the revenue from that source was problematical.

FRENCH SOLDIER KILLED

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, Feb. 2.—Two French soldiers were killed and 25 wounded in the disorders Monday night at Petrograd, Silesia, according to the latest reports from Gleiwitz.



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AUDITOR'S REPORT IS ACCEPTED

At the meeting of the city commission last evening the report of Perry Oliver, auditor, covering the city's books was presented and adopted. At the same time recommendations of City Manager O. A. Kratz in regard to eliminating an "unidentified" amount of \$20.84 from the books so as to prevent carrying of this amount over in future auditors' reports were adopted.

The report shows that the receipts for the year were \$181,220.04 and that on January 1, 1922, the cash on hand was \$15,073.33. The amount of water rents collected during the year was \$43,895.34.

Mr. Oliver compliments the officials of the city, and especially City Recorder J. E. Stearns and City Treasurer E. M. Fowler, for the neatness and accuracy in which the city's books were kept.

At the meeting last night formal action was taken accepting the resignations of the remaining members of the boxing commission. The city is now without a boxing commission and the matter of appointing another commission was put over as there is doubt in the minds of some of the city commissioners whether it is necessary or advisable to appoint such a commission.

The belief was expressed last night that if boxing and wrestling matches are to be staged now the president of the commission, W. D. Grandy, must give the proper authority.

DANGER.

Last evening several accidents were barely avoided when automobiles were attempting considerable speed with several trailers sleds hitched behind. As drivers were turned the curb caught several sleds, but luckily, no injuries have been reported. It is plain that some one is liable to injury and possibly death unless the practice of trailing behind automobiles is either stopped or the machine drivers forced to keep down their speed. It is a lot of sport, all admit, but there is a danger in the speed used last evening.

Ford Proposal Is Now Up to the Congress

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Henry Ford's proposal for government projects at Muscle Shoals, Alabama, was submitted to congress today by Secretary Weeks. Weeks pointed out that in the event of the proposal is accepted the government must make now appropriations of forty to fifty millions of which Ford will have the benefit for approximately 100 years at four per cent.

If the offer is rejected Weeks said the government will finish the Wilson dam could undertake to sell power to advantage in which case the government's investment would be eighteen to twenty-five million dollars.

NEW POPE TO BE NAMED AT EARLY DATE

Sacred College is Meeting in
Secluded Apartments in
the Vatican Today.

CARDINALS ARE IN UTTER SECLUSION

Until Election is Made the
Fifty-Two Members Will
Be Shut off From all Con-
tact with World.

(By Associated Press)

ROME, Feb. 2.—The conclave of the Sacred College to choose a pope began today. Fifty-two cardinals went into seclusion when the great oak barrier at the entrance of the courtyard of St. Damazo closed.

They will remain isolated until the task is finished. The first ballot will probably not be until Friday. Bidding is not expected to consume over two days. The next pope is expected to come from the moderate section of the Sacred college.

(By Associated Press)

ROME, Feb. 2.—The Sacred College convened here today for the election of a pope. The Italian, French and Spanish governments, which formerly claimed a veto right, informed the Holy See that they have no desires in the matter now. The Italian government in addition issued a denial that it favored Cardinal Maffei.

ROME, Feb. 2.—The College of Cardinals which meets in secret conclave at the Vatican today to elect a new pope, when complete, 70 members but rarely is attended by more than a part of the college.

Sixty Cardinals.
There are now living about 60 Cardinals including six Cardinal-Bishops, six Cardinal-Deacons and the others Cardinal-Priests.

Cardinal Vincent Vannutelli, is dean of the Sacred College. Italians compose about one-half of the membership of the College with Spain next in order with seven members. England and the United States have two each with one in Canada and one in South America. The American Bishops are William Cardinal O'Connell, Archbishop of Boston, and Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia.

The College is required to meet on the 15th day after the death of a pope. A two-thirds vote is necessary for an election. While there is no law against the election of a layman, it has become tradition to elect the new pope from the membership of the College of Cardinals, and it is traditional also that the pope should be chosen from the Italian Cardinals. It is stated that this tradition has not been departed from in nearly 400 years.

Opening of Conclave.

The Cardinals will meet for the opening of the conclave in the Sistine Chapel where mass for the Holy Ghost will be said by the Cardinal Dean. They will then proceed with their officers and assistants to that part of the Vatican set apart for the election. This will form a secluded precinct where they will be guarded by the marshal of the conclave. Their seclusion will be strict. Communication with the outside world during the sessions of the College is possible only through a small window equipped with something like a revolving door used in office buildings in the United States. The use of this is restricted to the sending out of laundry and receiving of food and medicine.

Each Cardinal-Bishop will have

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Tonight and Friday rain or snow with cloudy weather in the south part of the state, but sunny.