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LOVE NOTE IS FOUND FROM MISS MINTER

Latest Revelation In Murder Case Still Unexplained

NEW YORK MAN CLEARS HIMSELF

Movement on Foot to do Away With Actor Colony Because of Its Many Scandals.

(By Associated Press)
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 7.—The sheriff's office, conducting an independent investigation in the Taylor murder on the theory that a woman is involved, announced that an arrest will be made today and that it would not be Sands. The attorney for Mary Miles Minter announced that the actress had gone into seclusion in her residence, guarded by friends to insure privacy.

(By Associated Press)
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 7.—The police are continuing the search for Edward P. Sands, former butler for William Desmond Taylor, though no murder warrant has been issued against him.

If caught he will be held on a large charge preferred recently by Taylor. The police cleared the New York man who was sought yesterday after finding him at a hotel here. He proved that there was no connection with the murder. A love note from Mary Miles Minter was found in one of Taylor's books.

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Herbert Brown, well known motion picture producing manager, declared Monday that the actor's colony at Hollywood should be broken up.

Discussing the Taylor murder, he said that the incident, added to recent motion picture scandals in California, had given the industry a setback from which it would be long in recovering.

No Recreation.
"The trouble is that out in Hollywood the motion picture people are thrown upon themselves for recreation," he said. "The boys think and talk pictures all the time. They do not lead the normal life with outside diversion which we in the east do. The minority, who have made money quickly, persons with little character and less morals, have had their heads turned and have cast aside all restraint. These are the ones who bring discredit upon us and the good suffer with the bad."

Abolish Hollywood.

"I think it would be a good thing if Hollywood were abolished. It should be scattered, and it will be as a result of the indignation which will cause moving picture directors to give it up as a segregated production center. It has a tendency to spread, to creep to those who ordinarily would not be affected by it—the small part affects the whole."

(By Associated Press)

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 7.—The story of Henry Peavy, Taylor's negro houseman, that William Desmond Taylor, slain film director, had kept in his apartment a woman's pink silk nightgown, which had been missing since Taylor was slain, received support from the police Monday.

While the officer declined to say how much of their attention they were giving to this phase of the investigation, they stated that Earl Tiffany, formerly a chauffeur for Taylor, had found in his apartment a large number of pieces of

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FIREMAN IS KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK

Engine Leaves Track as It Bucks Snowdrift Near Weiser; Burley Wreck of Saturday Due to Open Switch.

WEISER, Feb. 7.—Jerome Benson, fireman, was killed in an accident on the P. & N. railroad 13 miles out of Weiser at 7:30 o'clock Monday morning when the train hit a snowdrift four feet deep. No one else was injured. The engine was thrown clear of the track, turned over three times and finally righted itself in the river.

The passenger coach, filled with passengers, did not leave the track, although the baggage car went off. The engineer was thrown from the engine as it left the track and was uninjured. He can give no explanation for the accident except that the train, as was the custom, was speeded up to plow through the drift.

BURLEY, Ida., Feb. 7.—Testimony of 10 witnesses tending to cast the blame on an open switch in Saturday night's wreck of Oregon Short Line train No. 83 was given Monday at the coroner's inquest over the body of Alfred Elleson, baggage man, who was crushed and killed when a 300-pound sack was thrown on his body. In its verdict, which found that Elleson, who lived in Salt Lake, Utah, came to his death in a train wreck caused by a partly opened switch. The coroner's jury did not attempt to fix the blame.

Testimony of S. H. Tree, a Burley resident, who examined the switch but a few minutes after the wreck, and of Section Foreman Love, practically fixed the cause of the wreck, but only deepened the mystery as to who tampered with the switch and the motive for throwing it open.

BIDS ON ROADS TO BE OPENED

SALEM, Feb. 7.—Bids on road improvements aggregating approximately \$750,000 will be opened by the state highway commission at its meeting in Portland on February 21. The improvement program is distributed over five counties and includes 11.7 miles of paving, 36.1 miles of grading and 15.7 miles of rock surfacing.

Paving 1.2 miles of the city of Union section, Old Oregon Trail, Union county, is included in the program.

Many Men Out of Work Taken Care of by the City

City officials today declared that during the storm of the past few days the police department had been taking care of 30 "sleepers" nightly in the city jail. Beds have been laid on the concrete floor in order to take care of these men who are without funds and without work.

The men taken care of by the city are all willing to work and city officials today expressed the belief that if people wishing to have the ice and snow removed from their sidewalks communicate with either the city treasurer or the police department much aid could be given to relieve the condition of these men.

Two Decisions Made by Supreme Court on Keelen's Cases

SALEM, Feb. 7.—The supreme court today decided the following cases: State vs. T. J. Keelen, jointly indicted with C. E. Dooley, appellant, petition for reporting denied in opinion by Justice McCourt; State vs. T. J. Keelen, jointly indicted with C. E. Dooley, appellant, objection to cost bill overruled by the court.

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Telephone Merger is Planned Now

Companies in Oregon Washington and Idaho Affected by Request

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The Northwestern Long Distance Telephone company and the Pacific Telephone company applied to the interstate commerce commission today for permission to consolidate their lines in Oregon, Idaho and Washington.

Y. M. C. A. MAN FROM NEW YORK

Head of Institution in Eastern State Here Today On Visit.

Frank W. Pearsall, state secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of New York, and W. W. Dillon, interstate Y. M. C. A. secretary of Idaho and Oregon, arrived in La Grande yesterday evening. Mr. Pearsall is making a tour of the coast and western states, visiting the various Y. M. C. A. organizations, having come here direct from Baker. He also attended a meeting of men interested in the Y. M. C. A. movement at Nampa, Idaho.

Mr. Pearsall, in describing the Y. M. C. A. conference held at Boise last week, states that there was present a galaxy of influential men that would have done credit to a much larger conference. S. J. Varburton, general secretary of the Toronto, Ontario, association; Bishop John Wesley Burns, of the M. E. Church for the Helena Area; George M. Dill, regional secretary of the Y. M. C. A. for the coast states; and A. E. Roberts, of the international committee of the Y. M. C. A. were all present and gave interesting talks.

Mr. Pearsall will be entertained today at luncheon by the Union County Ad Club and he will go on to Portland tonight. After visiting with the Y. M. C. A. organizations at Portland he will attend the Washington State Y. M. C. A. conference and also the California Y. M. C. A. conference, which will be held in San Francisco.

This is his first trip to the western states and he is delighted with our country. He is surprised at the enterprise shown in the western cities of about La Grande's size. After attending the California conference, he will return to New York.

WILL INVESTIGATE WRECK

THE DALLES, Ore., Feb. 8.—The grand jury, which will convene today, will make investigation of the circumstances bearing upon the Cello wreck. District Attorney Francis V. Galloway has announced.

CONFERENCE WAS A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT

Lloyd George Praises Washington Gathering In House

PARLIAMENT HAS BEEN RECONVENED

King Makes Speech from Throne Touching on Conference and Irish, German and Near East Situations.

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Feb. 7.—Lloyd George speaking at the opening of the house of commons this afternoon termed the Washington conference one of the greatest achievements ever registered in the history of the world.

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Feb. 7.—The imperial parliament prorogued December 19 to await action on the Irish treaty by the Dail Eireann, reopened today with the reading of a speech from the throne by the king. The king spoke on the work of the Washington conference, German reparations and the near east situation, besides the Irish question.

PORTLAND HIT BY MILD FLU

PORTLAND, Feb. 7.—An almost city-wide epidemic of infectious colds and grip and a very mild form of influenza exists in Portland. Hundreds of persons are laid up with grip and suffering from bothersome and aggravating head colds. Many downtown offices are conducting business affairs with half the normal working force.

The mild form of influenza is the annual recurrent wave from the scourge of 1918-19, which exacted such heavy toll of life, Dr. Lawrence Selling and other physicians state. The malady this year is less malignant than in other years following the original outbreak, physicians point out.

It took 20 minutes for Miss Phoebe Fairgrave to descend 15,200 feet by parachute at Curtis Field, Minnesota.

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Three Die In Burning of a Hotel

Wall With Fire Escape Collapses Entombing Several Persons

(By Associated Press)
RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 7.—Three persons are known to be dead and at least 25 injured in a fire early today which destroyed the Lexington hotel and several adjoining buildings with \$150,000 loss.

NICKEL LOAF OF BREAD BACK

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 7.—The nickel loaf of bread came back to Kansas City today when a local baking company announced its 10-cent loaf would be reduced to 5 cents.

RECOVER WRECK VICTIMS

(By Associated Press)
TOKIO, Feb. 8.—Seventy-nine bodies had been recovered today from the wrecked train which was buried by an avalanche Saturday at Itogawa station. Thirty-nine injured passengers also had been extricated. It was believed that at least a dozen bodies still are buried under the wreckage.

EXCHANGE BILL PASSED

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—A bill authorizing the exchange of privately owned land in Wenatchee national forest, Washington, or timber land located elsewhere in Washington, or timber from any national forest in the state, was passed Monday by the house and sent to the senate.

A bill under which unallotted lands on the Fort Peck reservation, Montana, could be leased for mining purposes, was also passed Monday by the house and sent to the senate.

SEEK RE-ELECTION

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 8.—Both Judge Percy R. Kelly and Judge George G. Bingham of the Marion and Linn county circuit court, say they will be candidates for re-election. Judge Kelly's home is at Albany and Judge Bingham lives in Salem.

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POLITICIANS SET GUESSING BY NEW RUMOR

William M. Cake Is Latest Man to Show Strength as Possible Gubernatorial Candidate.

PORTLAND, Feb. 7.—Comes now William M. Cake—as he, being a lawyer, would phrase it—and deposes and says that he is qualified by training, experience and ability to fill the office of governor of the state of Oregon, that he would like to be said chief executive of said state; that various and diverse friends and well wishers from widely scattered and different sections of the commonwealth have suggested and are insisting that he become a candidate for said governorship; and that he is seriously considering such said action and may decide and determine to become said candidate for said Republican nomination.

In other language, not so professionally stilted and confined, the latest political rumor to smite the ear of gossip is that William M. Cake, well known lawyer of Portland and former chairman of the Republican state central committee, is a possible and probable candidate for the Republican nomination for the governorship.

Political calculators contend that Cake would make a stronger candidate, should he enter the field for the nomination, than any other who has been mentioned with the exception of Governor Olcott. He has a wide acquaintance over the state, has not been entangled in the various squabbles which are now muddying up the political waters, such as the 1921 fair controversy and other conditions, and is a skillful campaigner when he gets headed out in a campaign.

Observers argue that should he finally determine to become a candidate it would switch the political situation around more than a little so far as the contest for the governorship is concerned.

EXPANSION OF LUMBER MARKET

Gains in the lumber market are slow, but a close study of the trend of trade reveals a slow but sure expansion of purchases. There is a good deal of quiet buying by large line-vary operators and by wholesalers. Stocks have slightly increased since the first of the year, but this lead is being steadily and surely cut down by an increase in the volume of buying. Purchases, according to the American Lumberman, are from all divisions of the trade retailers, industrial consumers and factory users.

The eastern part of the country shows signs of the greatest building activity. For example, the greatest building boom in the history of New York State is expected in 1922. In the middle West the building situation is "spotty." In one city, building will be found to be very active; in another dull. On the Pacific coast conditions are likewise uneven. In Southern California, the building boom holds up and large quantities of lumber are being consumed. In the Pacific Northwest the situation is checked, but on the whole a good deal of building is going forward or is in immediate prospect. Building is opening up well in the south and there is every indication that 1922 will be a year of great expansion for that section, furnishing the lumbermen of the south a large and ready market near home.

Prices, on the whole, remain firm. Here and there some "distress" stock is offered at a concession and occasionally some stock which is hard to move is marked down; but the trend of prices is upward.

High School Debate to Be With Baker Thursday

The La Grande high school debating team will meet the Baker debaters on Thursday night of this week, the affirmative going to Baker and the negative venturing against Baker's affirmative team in the high school auditorium at eight o'clock.

The subject this year in all high school debates is "Resolved, that the Philippines shall be granted immediate independence by the United States."

The La Grande high school debaters are under the direction of Miss Jess Whitney, head of the English department, and expect to furnish stiff opposition for their opponents.

The affirmative team, which is making the trip to Baker, is composed of Ted Larson and Alfred Meyers, and the negative team is composed of Walter Bennett and Grant Bean.

BUILDING OF SHIPS TO BE DISCONTINUED

President Announces Suspension At Early Date

FINAL ORDER WHEN TREATY RATIFIED

Work on Further Fortifications Has Already Been Stopped in Guam and Philippines

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The president will order suspended all work on vessels now building which are destined for the scrap heap under the naval treaty, but will issue no final order for discontinuance of the work until the treaty is actually ratified.

The president already has ordered suspension of work on additional fortifications on Guam and the Philippines, in view of a clause in the naval treaty fixing the status quo for these islands. Treaties from the arms conference are expected to be sent to the senate late this week, depending upon the submission of a report of the American delegation to the president.

The president will ask the speediest possible senate ratification consistent with proper consideration of the arms conference treaties.

Jury Still Out In Case Involving the Payment of Wages

Late this afternoon the jury in the case of Luella Stewart vs. Elmer Randall was still out. Final testimony in the case was taken this morning, the opening having been yesterday morning. The jury retired at 11 a. m.

According to the plaintiff the defendant employed Luella Stewart as a housekeeper and attendant for his children at a salary of \$20 per month. At the end of a year's time, it was alleged, he dispensed with her services and she claims that he owes her for a year's services.

Defendant attempted to establish by testimony that he paid her salary regularly each month.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press)
SEATTLE, Feb. 7.—Handke last night blew the vault of the First National Bank of Pasco, Washington. They destroyed \$5 safe deposit boxes and stole cash securities and jewelry. Officials would not estimate the loss.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The soldier bonus would cost the federal government approximately two billion five hundred million dollars on a basis of the estimate prepared for the house ways and means committee by fiscal officers of the army, navy and marine corps.

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—Reduction of 20 per cent in passenger rates from Chicago to the Pacific coast for the summer months was announced today by the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Burlington lines. The reductions will place the rates on the same level as before the 1920 increase.



Weather

Tonight and Wednesday rats or snow. Colder tonight with moderate southwesterly winds shifting to northwesterly later.