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STARVING HORDES DIE SEEKING FOOD

Snow Covers Bones of Hundreds of Thousands.

BODIES STREWN ON STEPPES

Russian Peasants Wander Until They Drop.

MILLIONS STILL JOURNEY

Human Instincts Lost and Families Become Little Better Than Beasts.

UFA, Volga Region, Russia, Jan. 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—When the snows melt this spring the Russian steppes will be strewn with skeletons. They will resemble the high prairies of the American cow country in the days when big cattle outfits had insufficient hay for a hard winter.

But among the skeletons of cattle and camels there will be bones of hundreds of thousands of men, women and children who fell exhausted in their quest for bread; who lived the simple lives of the peasant and had little conception of the political upheaval which made this famine more terrible than that of 1891.

They wandered, and millions are still wandering. There was nothing to eat in their homes so they started in the trek for bread. Some started westward for the Volga and found death in the typhus-ridden railway centers or among the horrors of refugee camps along the Volga; others started for Turkestan.

Others Move Eastward.

Still others moved eastward toward Siberia, the land of gold and wheat which has always been so alluring to the Russian moujik, who heard little of its vastness, its hardships and heartlessness.

The peasants knew nothing of modern ways. They were unable to buy railway tickets, unable to get permits to ride on trains burdened with the red army and food for Moscow and Petrograd. When their animals dropped dead, the families walked on, always hoping food lay over the next knoll.

But the country districts have no grain, or if peasant families have a small supply they conceal it in the effort to prolong their lives until another crop is harvested. In the larger towns there is food for sale at fabulous prices, but the starving refugees have neither money nor goods to exchange and can only sit down to await death or trudge on until they fall.

Bodies Collected on Cars.

The bodies that lie along the railroads are collected on cars and hauled to centers where they are piled in frozen, snow-covered heaps to await burial. Freezing refugees remove all garments from the dead, so that the frozen bodies are nude when collected.

Families drift apart and wander aimlessly on to their inevitable fate. Human instincts are lost and they become little better than beasts. The city and town populations are so hardened to suffering that they are little moved by the misery which lies all about. Death seems more merciful in the country for the refugees; they sink into the white covering of the endless plain and wolves strip their bones.

Death Stalks Over Steppes.

From Perm and Ekaterinburg to the Caspian sea death is stalking over the steppes. Russians, Cossacks, Kalmucks, Kirmhiz and Tartars alike are meeting their end with hopelessness and patience begotten of centuries of unequal struggle against political extortion and unfavorable climatic conditions, made worse by ignorance of scientific farming methods.

American corn will be too late to save many of these wanderers, as well as the families who have elected to make their fight in the villages, remote from the railways rather than endure the hardships and death their neighbors have suffered along the main lines of transportation.

Entire village populations have died in the provinces east of the Volga and the animals which survive are so weak it is impossible to get adequate horsepower to deliver food to the thousands of destitute settlements far from food stations.

STEVENS' ESTATE DIVIDED

Ragged Millionaire's Property Goes to Daughter and Sister.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—The estate of Calvin Armory Stevens, known as the "ragged millionaire," who died in Bensonhurst, L. I., in 1877, while living apart from his wife, goes to his daughter, Mrs. Kate Stevens Fagan, and his sister, Mrs. Mary Grace Richardson, it was learned yesterday. Each gets $500,000, under a ruling of Supreme Court Justice Donnelly.

Stevens' frugality was a by-word in New York. Although he inherited a fortune from his father, Calvin Stevens, he wore shiny clothes, ate in dingy lunchrooms and slept on a cot in a small attic room in a building he owned.

FARM BUSINESS GOOD, SAYS CHICAGO PACKER

J. OGDEN ARMOUR DECLARES TIMES ARE BETTER.

Ex-Wheat Director Tells Ranchers That Financial Situation Is Much Improved.

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—After a week of rising prices of agricultural products, Julius H. Barnes, ex-wheat director, and J. Ogden Armour, packer, tonight issued statements asserting that the farmer is coming into his own again.

Calling attention to the fact that wheat was advanced almost 12 cents and corn over 2 cents within a week, Mr. Barnes said:

"It is time to quit telling the farmer he is bankrupt. It is time to quit telling industry there is no farm market."

Among hopeful signs of recent months, Mr. Barnes said, were stabilizing of foreign markets, a desire to help the farmer at home, a 25 per cent advance in wheat prices, 30 per cent for oats and 35 per cent for hogs, while sheep have almost doubled and cotton has doubled in price.

"All farm selling prices are on the upgrade," he said. "All that the farmer buys has cheapened. Labor is plentiful and cheaper. Farm credit difficulties have ceased. Europe will pay in 1922 with less difficulty than in 1921."

"We are getting over our sickness," Mr. Armour said. "It is time to forget what is behind us and look ahead. I am optimistic on the business situation and believe it is no time to sell stocks or anything. We are getting out of the low-priced period and all the bad stuff behind us. Business is better all around. Livestock is higher and we must look ahead."

Besides advances in prices of farm products, the week was featured by big reductions in some farm implements.

SYNDICALIST IS FINED

Year's Sentence and $1000 Fine Meted Out to Proponent of Revolt.

DULUTH, Minn., Feb. 5.—The maximum sentence of $1000 fine or a year's imprisonment was imposed upon Tobias Kekkonen by Judge H. A. Rancer in district court yesterday. Kekkonen was found guilty on a charge of teaching and advocating criminal syndicalism by a jury in March, 1921.

He was alleged to have been editor of a newspaper published by the Workers' Socialist Publishing company, in which an article headed "The Workers of America Must Become Revolutionary" was printed. The company recently was fined $1000 on a similar charge.

SPEED PLANES EXPECTED

Big Future in Use of Substance to Increase Combustibility.

MADISON, Wis., Feb. 5.—Airplane engines with a speed of from 200 to 300 miles an hour are expected to result from the possibilities of using tellurium and selinium in compound with gasoline to increase combustibility of gasoline, Victor H. Lenher, professor of chemistry at the University of Wisconsin, who found the new use for the substance, said today.

Because of the small production of tellurium, amounting to 60 tons a year, and because of the necessity of redesigning all engines before the compound can be used, he added, it is not expected that its properties will be taken advantage of in the very near future.

L. E. BEAN TO BE SPEAKER

Candidate for Governor to Talk at McMinnville Tuesday.

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—L. E. Bean, speaker of the house of representatives and avowed candidate for governor, will begin at McMinnville Tuesday night a series of speeches which will mark the opening of his gubernatorial campaign.

At that time he will participate in a joint debate with J. E. Gratke on the question of financing the Portland exposition.

Monday, February 13, Mr. Bean is scheduled for an address before the Lincoln club of Ontario. He will speak before the chamber of commerce of La Grande the following day at noon and before the Baker chamber Thursday noon.

STRIKE TIES UP BERLIN

Street Cars, Gas, Water and Electricity Shut Down.

BERLIN, Feb. 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—Tramway service and the gas, water and electricity supply here were shut off when the municipal employes struck today.

The strike of railroad men has extended to all of Baden. Nothing has come of the negotiations begun yesterday for settling the strike.

Many bankers have reduced their working hours and some banks have closed.

GOTHAM HAS MOVIE FIRE

Several Injured in Panic at Lyric Theater in New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—An explosion, followed by fire, spread panic among 500 patrons of the Lyric motion picture theater here today, but all reached the street. The blaze was put out after it had destroyed several thousand feet of film.

Several persons were injured slightly in the crush at the exits.

ALL TALK OF WAR WITH JAPAN ENDS

Arms Parley Improves American Relations.

TRUE SITUATION DISCOVERED

Lack of U. S. Intent to Run Amuck in East Revealed.

NIPPON'S PRIDE INTACT

Point of Keeping Shantung Negotiations Entirely Out of Arms Conference Is Won.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—The great outstanding achievement of the Washington conference, but one which is not referred to officially in any of the documents, is the complete obliteration of the talk of war between the United States and Japan. This talk in the last year or two had been growing to a dangerous proportion.

As a result of the Washington conference, the relations between the United States and Japan are better than they have been in a decade. There is a better understanding of aims and intentions between the two governments. The Japanese have discovered that there is no intention on the part of the Washington government to run amuck in the far east. The Japanese have found that there is at Washington a disposition to trust them in the orient, and consequently the Japanese are going home extremely happy over the outcome of the conference which they felt at first they had every reason to fear.

Shantung Point Is Won.

Japan won her point of keeping the Shantung negotiations entirely out of the official scope of the conference. There was a distinct reason of pride in this. Japan at Versailles promised to restore Shantung to China within a reasonable time. Therefore, it was a matter only between Japan and China as to the terms of this restoration. Japan felt it would be casting doubt upon the bona fide of her promises made at Versailles if the Washington conference should officially take up the Shantung question.

Undoubtedly the Washington conference ceded the Shantung compromise and undoubtedly the Chinese would not have signed any of the far eastern treaties in the absence of a definite Shantung understanding. Such a course by China would have cast

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MASKED MEN LINE UP AND ROB 20 LOGGERS

SHOTS EXCHANGED IN POOLROOM HOLDUP AT ALOHA.

Robbers Order Men to Face Wall as Money Is Handed Out; Hostages Used in Making Escape.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—Two men wearing masks of cloth that hung down over their long, black slickers walked into the poolroom of Aloha Lumber company's village at Aloha, 24 miles west of here, and robbed 20 loggers of between $300 and $500 late last night. They escaped toward Stearnsville, using four of their victims as hostages for 200 yards down the road after leaving the place.

Chief William Thompson and Sergeant Robert Wintrip of the Hoquiam police force, both deputy sheriffs, upon receiving notice of the holdup notified Sheriff Elmer Gibson at Montesano and started for the scene. They returned at 4:30 this morning with several clews.

Jack Strouce, who was being shaved in the barber chair, put a purse containing $45 underneath him, and saved his money. A logger wearing calked shoes dropped his wallet with $250 on the floor and stamped his foot on it, so that the holdup men did not get his money, but so far as known these two sums were the only ones overlooked.

The robbers walked in with drawn revolvers and ordered the men to "stick 'em up and face the wall." One robber locked the rear door. He searched the men while the other covered them. Frank Redmond made a break out the front door and a few minutes later heaved a chunk of coal through one of the windows.

"Come on, Bud, they're shootin' at us," one robber exclaimed. The outlaws started for the door. Thinking they might be shot, they ordered Frank Zafuca, barber, and three other men to go ahead of them. They went east toward Stearnsville road.

After they had gone about 50 yards, Bill Miller, standing on the porch, shot at the group with a rifle. The robbers answered with one shot, which pierced a window and buried itself inside the counter. It was later recovered and appeared to be out of a .38 caliber rifle.

The robbers took no watches, jewelry or checks, but got "brass money," good at the company's store and hotel.

CITY HAS BALMY DAY

Air Is Humid, With Only Trace of Rain; Motorists Turn Out.

Balmy weather, usually associated with early spring, greeted Portlanders yesterday. The air was humid with only a trace of rain, and in the afternoon the thermometer reached 49½ degrees.

This was 2½ degrees under the warmest day so far this year, January 25, when the thermometer reached 52. As a result of the mild weather many motorists took advantage of the day. The highways leading from Portland were alive with cars. The weather bureau predicted rain for the Portland district today with southwesterly winds.

GERMAN NAMES AGAIN WRITTEN ON STREETS

POLICE GET NEW COMPLAINT FROM CITY HALL.

Marauder Substitutes Old Titles for Patriotic Ones Cut on Curbings.

A second complaint from the city engineer's office about the blotting out of new street names substituted for German names was lodged with the police yesterday, with the request that extra vigilance be maintained.

The region for which guards were asked is on Pershing street from East Fourteenth to East Twentieth street, and on McLaughlin street from East Eighth to East Twentieth streets.

Several weeks ago the first complaint was made by the city engineer. His office had then ordered the old names obliterated from the curbs and new ones carved in their places. After this work had been going on for a day or two, the masons discovered one morning that the new names had been scraped out and the old ones replaced. It was suspected at the time that certain German citizens, who had been active in public requests that the old street names be given back to the streets, might have had a hand in the changes.

Orders were given yesterday to both the patrol and detective divisions of the police department, as well as to the shotgun squad, to watch these streets during the night and endeavor to catch the culprit.

MAN IS SHOT AT DANCE

Olympia Taxi Proprietor Expected to Die of Wound.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—M. F. "Cy" Nogal, 41, Olympia taxi proprietor, was shot probably fatally, early today at a dance at Fairview, six miles south of here and Sid Riley, 25, was held in the Olympia city jail charged with the shooting.

Riley, crazed with moonshine, according to Sheriff Hoage, shot Nogal twice in the abdomen as he left his car and was about to enter the dance hall with his sweetheart. After the shooting, the sheriff said, Riley threw away his revolver and fled, entering the rear door of the hall and seeking to mix with the dancers. He was arrested by Sheriff Hoage, who was among the dancers. Nogal, who was a well-known state capitol character, is in St. Peter's hospital rapidly sinking. He was unmarried and been in business here for three years.

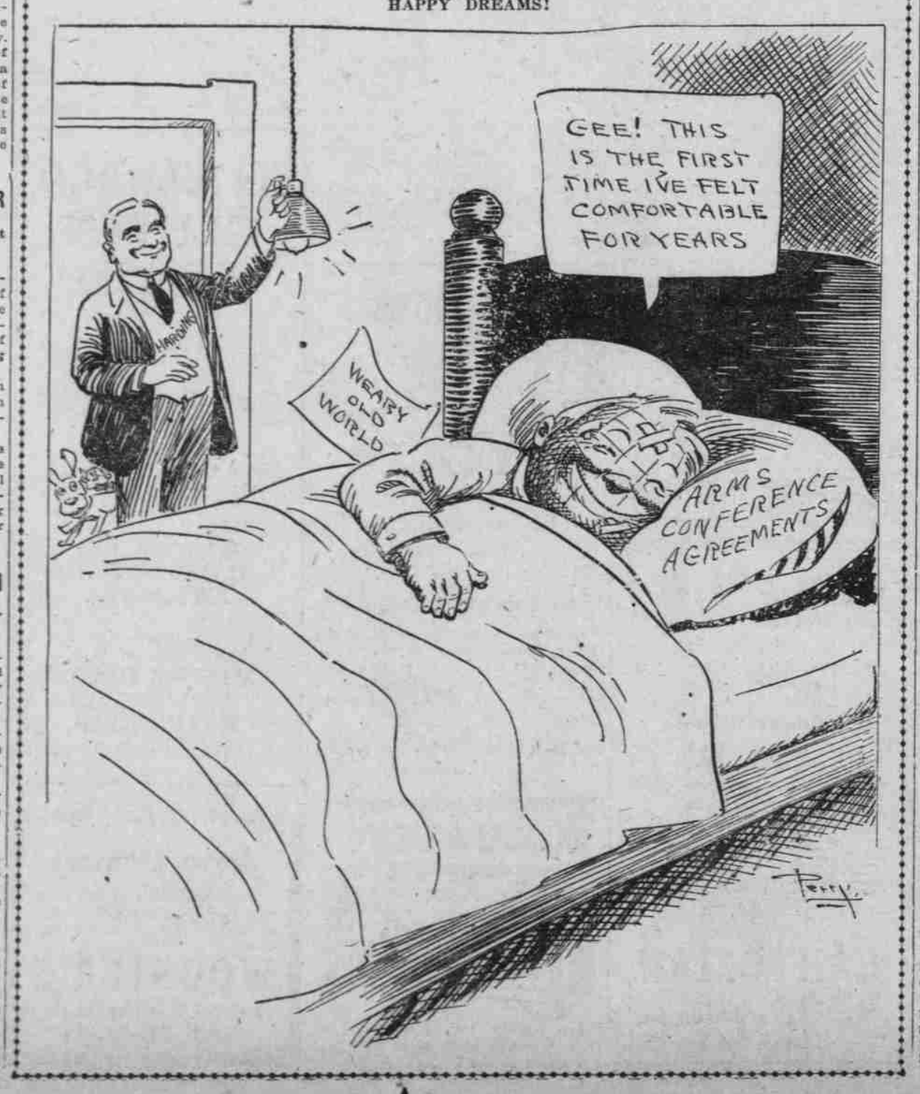
GRAIN MARKETS CHOSEN

Secretary Wallace Names San Francisco and Los Angeles.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 5.—Secretary Wallace announced today the designation of the San Francisco chamber of commerce as a contract market for barley and the designation of the Los Angeles grain exchange as a contract market for barley, sorghums and corn, within the meaning of the future trading act.

The two designations announced bring the total number of contract markets authorized to 11.

HAPPY DREAMS!



DRIVE FOR CHEST TO BE ENLIVENED

War Chiefs Summoned to Decide New Attack.

ALL DETERMINED TO WIN

Longer and Stronger Pull Is Ahead of Workers.

POOR PEOPLE GENEROUS

General Smith Reiterates Necessity for Average Citizen to Awaken to Duty.

CHEST CAMPAIGNERS URGED TO RALLY TO LUNCHEON AT MULTNOMAH HOTEL TODAY.

All workers in the community chest campaign, whether general, adjutant, colonel, captain or lieutenant, both men and women, are directed to report today at 12:15 for a war council luncheon at the Multnomah hotel. Campaign plans will be decided at this meeting and it is important that everyone in the drive who can do so attend. As complete reports as can possibly be made are desired to show the progress of the canvass up to this time.

Portland's community chest campaign starts upon its second week today. The chest itself is now nearly half full.

It had been hoped in preliminary plans to make the drive snappy and achieve a full chest by last Saturday night. This proved an impossible task.

In the first place the very magnitude of the job of soliciting practically everyone in the city, filling out blanks, reporting subscriptions to the banks, auditing them and listing them correctly was entirely too much and showed earlier optimism of enthusiastic campaigners was unjustified.

It was evident when last week was half over that the game would go into extra innings. The campaign means a longer and a stronger pull than was first anticipated, say the leaders, but they are determined to accomplish it, no matter what will be required to win.

Attack to Be Harder.

Teeth will be clenched a little tighter and the attack will be a little harder when lieutenants start out this morning to win subscriptions. The first week was a valuable time for training and practice; now they are going after a decisive victory with the will to win, say campaign leaders. Territory already canvassed will be re-combed and a more intensive campaign made everywhere.

At a noon meeting today at the Multnomah, which all workers are urged to attend, a general stock-taking will take place, when General Smith will survey the battlefield, hear reports from all four sectors and determine future policies.

It may be that there will be a complete change in campaign plans as the result of today's meeting. There will be a switch in strategy if that is indicated as demanded by reports. The commander-in-chief will not issue orders for any radical changes unless the war council today advises it.

Status to Be Learned.

"I want to know today just where we are at," said General Smith, speaking colloquially, "and so we are going to 'shoot the sun,' as a sailor would say, and work out our latitude and longitude. If we are drifting off our course we want to know it. On the other hand, if we are making progress in the right direction, this meeting will show it to us.

"The genius of the campaign so far has been the spirit of giving manifested by those to whom hunger and want are by no means strangers. Our colonels have commented upon this unexpected generosity. Persons who, by reason of their circumstances, have been advised by our solicitors not to make a chest subscription, have demanded the right to help others in worse plight than themselves.

"A man wearing a ragged coat came into headquarters Friday and said he had $2 and wanted to split even with the chest. A woman who supports herself by taking in washings and who was leaving town sent us $5. Boys bring us in silver dollars and a dollar looks pretty big to a boy. The subscription means he is going without things he would like mightily to buy for himself.

Poor People Generous.

"Poorer people of Portland know the need of the community chest. Many persons of wealth have given handsomely. But many in all classes of the population remain indifferent to the needs of the chest supplies. If an invidious comparison could be drawn, perhaps it could be said that the middle layer of the population, people quite comfortable and able to give, are giving less to relieve the unfortunate than are the poor, who in many cases are only about one

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BREAKUP OF STUDIOS AT HOLLYWOOD URGED

HEAVY BLOW IS DECLARED DEALT MOVIE INDUSTRY.

New California Scandal Is Fault of Few, Is Assertion of Well-Known Producer.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Herbert Brenon, well-known motion picture producing manager, declared tonight that the actors' colony at Hollywood, Cal., 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.

"The trouble is that out in Hollywood the motion-picture people are thrown upon themselves for recreation," he said. "They live, think and talk pictures all the time. They do not lead the normal lives 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.

"I think it would be a jolly 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."

PULLMAN CASE IS FILED

State of Idaho Seizes Sleeper Under Volstead Law.

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 5.—United States Attorney Davis yesterday filed the case of the United States against "one standard Pullman sleeper," which was seized by the state and federal agents late last night under provisions of the Volstead law. Papers were served on the car yesterday just as it was about to leave for Spokane.

Friday night officers entered the sleeper and found two suitcases of liquor. They arrested three Pullman employes, who, following arraignment yesterday, were placed in jail because of inability to furnish bond.

The Oregon Short Line Railroad company later yesterday gave bond of $20,000 for appearance of the car in court when the case is called.

WINE VAT FUMES FATAL

California Rancher Asphyxiated After Saving Employe.

SANTA ROSA, Cal., Feb. 5.—Sam Tomblinson, 60, rancher of Guerneville, near here, was asphyxiated by fumes in a wine vat on his place after he had saved Lyman Miller, 19-year-old employe on the ranch, from death by the same cause.

Miller was working in the vat, cleaning it, when he was overcome by the fumes. Tomblinson went to his assistance and succeeded in pushing the young man's body through a small door in the top of the vat. Then the fumes overcame him. Miller fell on the ground outside the vat, and when he had recovered sufficiently to make his way to the ranch house was too dazed to remember that Tomblinson was still in the vat.

JUGO-SLAVS REDUCE ARMY

Force to Be Reduced to 110,000 by Terms of Recent Agreement.

BELGRADE, Jugo-Slavia, Feb. 5.—The Jugo-Slav army is to be reduced to 110,000 men.

This is an outcome of an agreement reached by the ministry of war and the parliamentary budget committee.

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ACTOR IS WATCHED IN TAYLOR MURDER

"Suspect" Is Quizzed But Later Released.

SCENE OF KILLING VISITED

Woman's Silk Night Dress Is Reported Missing.

DRUG VENDOR IS SOUGHT

Several New Developments Mark Inquiry Into Death of Film Producer.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 5.—A motion picture actor, termed by police and deputy sheriffs "a suspect" in connection with the murder here last Wednesday night of William Desmond Taylor, director, was taken into custody tonight, taken to the scene of the slaying and later released, with instructions to keep in touch with the officers.

The name of the actor was not made public by either the deputy sheriffs who took him into custody nor the police who joined the deputies and the "suspect" at the Miller apartments and participated in a re-enactment of the crime as they understood it.

Murder Scene Visited.

When the actor was found by the deputies and taken to the county jail for questioning so hurriedly that he had not the time to take the make-up off his face, two other employes of a motion picture company also were taken into custody as witnesses in connection with his detention.

After a long questioning, it was said, the actor was unable to say exactly where he was at the time the officers believe Taylor was shot. Then he was taken to the Taylor apartments, where the re-enactment of the crime took place.

Although the police did not so announce, it was understood no person who had seen a man lurking about the Taylor home Wednesday night was able to identify the actor as that man.

Actor Later Released.

It was after that development that the actor was released, with instructions to keep in close communication with the detectives.

The actor and the other two men who, it was said, might yet be wanted as material witnesses, were taken into custody as the result of information that an automobile, said to resemble one owned by the suspect, was seen near the Taylor home Wednesday night.

The actor was said to have admitted ownership of the automobile, but denied he was the man Mrs. Douglas MacLean, wife of a film actor, and her maid said they had seen leaving the Taylor home.

One Is Camera Operator.

One of the two men taken as material witnesses was a camera man. The occupation of the other was not made public. They also were released.

A drug peddler, upon whose trail the police said they were "getting warmer," and the absence of a woman's silken night dress, said by Henry Peavey, negro houseman, to be missing from the apartments of Taylor, were also developments tonight of the search for the slayer.

The police were reticent as to the details concerning their search for the man believed to have sought patronage for his contraband drugs among the employes of motion picture studios, but they intimated their belief he had attempted to make a delivery through Taylor to an actress who found it difficult to make her purchases in person.

Night Dress Not Explained.

The exact importance of the missing nightdress, which was pink in color, was not made plain. Peavey, however, was firm in his declaration that it had a regular place in Taylor's apartments and equally firm in his assertions that since his employer was slain he had been unable to find it.

Peavey's story of the silk nightrobe received support from the police.

While the officers declined to state how much of their attention they were giving to this phase of the investigation, they said that Earl Tiffany, ex-chauffeur for Taylor, had given them information of a similar nature.

Tiffany Makes Statement.

Tiffany was said to have told the police that Edward F. Sands, Taylor's ex-butler, told him of how the butler had spied upon Taylor and had thus found in his apartments a large number of pieces of silken underwear unknown in a man's wardrobe.

According to Tiffany's story to the police, Sands said his curiosity was aroused, so he folded the garments in a "trick" manner, and, noting the way they were folded the next day, became convinced the director did not keep them in his apartment for sentimental reasons.

The day brought forth its usual grist of tips to the police.

Another angle was the story told by an associate of Taylor that an

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