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MABEL SLETTERS READ IN PROBE

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NO ARRESTS YET MADE

District Attorney Gathers Taylor Killing Clues.

PISTOL REPORTED FOUND

Prominent Movie People Are Questioned in Effort to Find Out What Happened.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 9.—A new and comprehensive investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of William Desmond Taylor was under way here today, directed by the district attorney of Los Angeles county. Taylor, a motion picture director of note, was found in his living room on Thursday of last week, apparently having been shot and killed the evening before. Up to tonight no arrests had been made nor were any in immediate prospect. Yesterday and today the district attorney gathered into his hands the scattered threads of evidence that had been drawn out by the police, the sheriff's office and independent investigators, and tonight he was attempting to weave them into some sort of pattern that would disclose what took place when Taylor lost his life.

Miss Normand Says Nothing.
As a first step toward this end, certain letters which were written by Miss Mabel Normand, picture actress, and which disappeared from Taylor's home after his death, were delivered to the district attorney. These letters were discovered yesterday, and their contents were not disclosed, and Miss Normand, who was in seclusion today, declined to comment.

Witnesses questioned today in the investigation, which it was announced would be complete and would take other inquiries into consideration only so far as facts learned from them might be helpful, included Charles Elyton, general manager of the famous Players-Lasky studio here at which Taylor was employed as a director. Mr. Elyton testified as the coroner's inquest that he was the first to suspect that Taylor's death had been caused by other than natural events. He said he had inquired about the body and had found it in a room and it was his insistence, according to his statement at the inquest, that caused discovery of the wound that had caused death.

Consultation Is Private.
When Mr. Elyton arrived at the district attorney's office this afternoon he was first taken to a private consultation with Thomas Lee Woolwine, the district attorney; then Mr. Woolwine and Mr. Elyton went to the room occupied by Deputy District Attorney W. C. Doran, where a further conference followed in which Mr. Doran participated.

Others who were summoned to the district attorney's office today included Mr. and Mrs. Douglas MacLean, whose home adjoined that of Taylor, and who had given previous statements at the inquest and to the police; Henry Peavy, Taylor's colored house man, who has done little since the shooting but submit to interrogation about what he knew of it; Howard Fellows, chauffeur for Taylor, and Harry Fellows, brother of the chauffeur and an assistant director, were also questioned fully. The district attorney declined to disclose the results of these various interviews.

Revolver Reported Found

Another development today was a well-defined rumor that some person unnamed had found a revolver, possibly the weapon with which Taylor was slain, shortly after the murder became known. This rumor was brought to the attention of the district attorney and the police, both of which disclaiming any direct knowledge of the purported discovery, but both saying that cognizance was being taken of the rumor and efforts made to either prove or disprove it. While these local developments kept the officials engaged, word came from San Diego that the authorities there believed the body of a suicide lying in the morgue there might be that of Edward F. Sand, missing house man, against whom Taylor swore out warrants for grand larceny and embezzlement, who has been earnestly sought for to tell what he knew of the murder. Investigation, however, developed that the dead man was not Sand and the San Diego investigation closed about as suddenly as it had started.

Safe Deposit Box Sought

It was also announced today that the public administrator was making search for a second safe deposit box held by Mr. Taylor. One was found and opened, its contents being negligible. There was no direct evidence that he had another box, but the authorities said many men divided their documents in two or three boxes, and it was possible that the search would yield something. Inventory of Taylor's estate so far located has disclosed little except (Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)

"ETHER COP" NEEDED TO REGULATE RADIO

CONTROL OF WAVE LENGTHS BY LAW DISCUSSED.

"Chatter of American Small Boy" and Other Users Causes Complications, Says Hoover.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9.—Control of the wave lengths of the air may require "an ether cop" to regulate the wireless "chatter of the American small boy" and other users of radio communication, Secretary Hoover said today in discussing the government's plans for radio regulation. At the request of President Harding, Mr. Hoover said he was calling together radio experts of the army, navy, postoffice and commerce departments and radio engineers to meet in about ten days to work out regulations governing use of the air for radio communication. Development of the radio telephone he described as one of the most important steps in the progress of communication, but the limited number of available wave lengths, he declared, was causing congestion.

The ingenuity of the American small boy in the use of radio telephone, he explained, had so filled the air with chatter that commercial and official communication had been interfered with, while the practice of broadcasting sermons, music and other matter was hindering the more important uses of the wireless telephone. Development of the air as a means of communication, he asserted, was projecting a new problem for consideration in the light of the rights of persons to the use of other similar property rights in land and water ways. Legislation may be required, he added.

IDAHO OUTLAY \$7,361,388

Census Bureau Reports Per Capita Tax of State at \$16.94.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Feb. 9.—The cost of government for Idaho the fiscal year ending September 30, 1929, amounted to \$7,361,388, which was a per capita cost of \$16.94, the census bureau announced today. In 1917 the per capita cost was \$7.02 and in 1914 \$5.42. The totals for the fiscal year 1929 were \$2,425,500, \$2,000,691, respectively. The per capita costs for 1929 consisted of expenses of general department, \$3.27; payments for interest, \$4.82; and for outlays, \$7.34. The total revenue receipts in 1929 were \$4,819,500, or \$15.22 per capita. The total revenue receipts for the fiscal year 1929 were \$4,819,500, or \$15.22 per capita. The total revenue receipts for the fiscal year 1929 were \$4,819,500, or \$15.22 per capita.

SENATORS BIT PETULANT

Blow to Dignity of Upper House Not Easily Forgotten.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9.—A blow to senatorial dignity not soon forgotten. This was shown today when in the midst of belated debate on the Newberry election case several senators arose and denounced the war department through its management of the parade that resulted in the death of the unknown soldier last Armistice day. Senator Ashurst, democrat, Arizona, said the senate had been relegated to the rear of the parade, and that the war department through its management of the parade had "resulted in the death of the unknown soldier last Armistice day." Senator Stanley, democrat, Kentucky, said the senate had reached the point where bureau chiefs and department clerks were able to tell it to "go back and sit down."

600 IN COMMUNITY CLUB

Vancouver Hopes for 1000 Members Before End of Year.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—The membership of the Community club of the American Legion community building today passed 600 mark and indications and hopes were that the number will pass 1000 before the year is over, according to Charles A. Wainwright, commander of South Reynolds post. Every Saturday morning the swimming tank is thrown open to the children of the city free, and several hundred children always are present. A business men's athletic class has been started for two hours a week between 5 and 6 o'clock, Tuesday and Thursday.

BANK CASHIER IS HELD

Shortage of \$75,000 in Accounts Is Reported.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Feb. 9.—Robert R. Conroy, cashier of the Citizens' National bank of Hammond, N. Y., is held today following his arrest last night while federal and state bank examiners make a further examination of his books. Conroy's shortage was reported to be \$75,000. The bank was closed today by order of the directors, pending the result of the examination.

WALLA WALLA WHEAT UP

Sales of \$50,000 Bushels in Two Days Are Reported.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Wheat prices which have been looking up for several days have been boosted in some cases, over more than 200 bushels, having been disposed of here in the last two days. Turkey red and commanded \$1.05, the best price in months for hard wheat. Club, which has been a price leader, was worth \$1.02.

VICTIMS SNARED AT DRUG PARTIES

Addicts Relate How Traffic Is Increased.

PEDDLERS ALSO ARE BLAMED

Free "Shot" Offered to Any Who Try to Reform.

CURE IS DISCUSSED

Oregon Narcotic Control Association Hears Tales of Women and Men With Habit.

Portland is not without its narcotic "parties," if the word of a 24-year-old narcotic victim can be taken as truth. Police officials know by experience that narcotic users do not stick to the truth, but nevertheless the real sensation of the weekly conference of the Oregon Narcotic Control association yesterday in the city council chambers was the story of this young addict. It was at such a party in Portland, she averred, that she first received morphine and during the last four years, while she has been addicted to the habit, she has attended a number of such parties.

New Victims Sought

According to her testimony, confirmed addicts, many of whom are dealing in narcotics, stage these parties to ensnare new victims. Men and women, all addicts, are invited to take a "shot" and invariably become an addict. One young woman, who has never experienced the use of drugs, is invited to attend. Before the evening is over, the witness said, the initiate is persuaded to take a "shot" and is invariably becomes an addict.

For two hours yesterday various addicts, or ex-addicts, some of whom are now being detained at the city and county jails, and others who are at liberty, told their stories to the conference. In all cases, the appearance of these people was voluntary, with the assurance that names would not be made public.

Jail Confinement Opposed

It seemed the consensus of opinion of those who had suffered the torture that is the addict's share in life that jail is not the proper place to confine addicts. They are sick and helpless when unable to procure the drugs, they said. Medical treatment, followed by a long season at healthy outdoor work, with plenty of good food was the cure advocated by these users.

The first addict to relate her experiences was a trained nurse, possessed of unusual intelligence and a full realization of the horror of the continued use of drugs. According to her story, she became an addict after being in a hospital for nine months following an automobile accident.

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GOVERNMENT CREDIT FOR RAILWAYS HOPED

GUARANTEE OF CERTIFICATES PROPOSED AS AIDS.

Mellon and Hoover Concur in Belief That Help to Rail Lines Will Improve Business.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9.—Means of lending the aid of the government's credit to the railroads are under consideration in administrative circles. It was indicated today by high officials that any such plan, however, it was said, would not involve use of government money for rendering financial assistance to the carriers, but use of federal credit. Secretary Hoover suggested today that a government guarantee of railroad equipment trust certificates would make them attractive to investors and enable roads to raise money for needed rolling stock without the expenditure of funds from the treasury. Secretary Mellon is also understood to regard favorably the idea of lending the government's credit to the carriers on the theory that better business conditions generally would result from improvement in the railroads. If any such steps should be taken, however, in the opinion of Attorney-General Daugherty, legislation probably would be necessary and in this case some difficulty might be encountered in congress.

Needs of the railroads for more equipment is their own difficulty, in the opinion of Secretary Hoover, who said it was up to the railroads to take the leadership in presenting some constructive plan for providing funds. The "in anticipation" asserted, were "in anticipation" of which made any relief measures difficult of adoption at this time. He expressed the belief that if the shortage of cars became acute from all sides, the remedy would be found.

Under equipment of railroads, he said, had its effect on the employment situation and upon agricultural conditions. Secretary Mellon is also understood to concur with this view. Use of the government's credit has already been extended to the farmers, Mr. Hoover pointed out, in the guarantee of farm loan bonds. He indicated some such method might be utilized to aid the railroads, if the situation should become sufficiently acute.

POLICE FORCE DISMISSED

Officers Declared to Have Failed to Keep Order During Strike.

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 9.—The entire police force at Nebraska City, including Chief William Dunne, has been dismissed by the city council there, according to information telephoned from that city by Colonel Amos Thomas of Omaha, commander of the Nebraska national guard troops, sent there recently to preserve order during a strike of packing-plant employees. Colonel Thomas, who recently said the local authorities at Nebraska City had "fallen down" during the strike, announced that Turkey Cook, strike, announced that Turkey Cook, who served as a first lieutenant during the world war, had been appointed police chief and was engaged in reorganization of the department. Martial law still is in force at Nebraska City, despite their recent calling off of the strike.

HIGHER FARM PRICES BRIGHTEN INDUSTRY

GREATER BUYING POWER IS TAKEN AS HOPEFUL SIGN.

Producer Has Accepted More Than Share of Liquidation, Says Mr. Wallace.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Increased purchasing power of farmers, which has resulted from recent advances in prices for farm products and decreases in other lines was cited by Secretary Wallace tonight in an address before the National Retail Dry Goods association as a "hopeful sign to industry in general." Estimating that farmers and their families represented 40 per cent of the population, he declared every phase of business should be interested in "every sensible effort to get farming back on a sound basis." He denied what he termed the widely held notion that corn belt farmers had plunged into land speculation during the war years. Probably not more than 10 per cent of the cultivated land changed hands, he said. "The farmer has taken his full share and more of liquidation," he declared. "He has the right to expect that others, such as manufacturers, railroads, laboring men and retailers will follow his example. Prices of things must come down. Farmers always have been and are now the great stabilizing force in government."

BELGIANS SEEK SECURITY

Features of Proposed Military Pact Protested.

BRUSSELS, Feb. 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—Premier Poincare, in a note given out tonight, addressed to the United States and France's allies in the late war, declared flatly that France will be unable to send delegates to the proposed Geneva economic conference if any of the invited governments let it be understood that they do not accept entirely conditions arranged at the supreme council meeting in Cannes in January, preceding any discussion of the existing peace treaties. It is necessary, Mr. Poincare thinks, to see whether the Russian soviet government is disposed to accord commercial facilities and to give guarantees for the protection of industrial and personal property. He opposes any discussion that would infringe upon the province of the league of nations. His note concluded with the statement that time is required properly to prepare for this conference and that this necessitates a postponement of the gathering three months.

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HANDS OFF PACTS, SAYS M. POINCARE

Tampering With Treaties at Geneva Barred.

OTHERWISE FRANCE BOLTS

Warning Note Sent to America and Allies.

POSTPONEMENT DESIRED

Plans for Opening of Economic and Financial Conference in Italian City Are Proceeding.

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HUSBAND IS DROWNED DESPITE WIFE'S AID

FRED MENTZEL LOST LIFE IN WILLAMETTE RIVER.

Woman Assists Sponse to Boom and Swims Ashore for Help—Man Missing on Return.

Fred Mentzel, 38, who was thought to live in a boathouse near the foot of Cranton street, was drowned about 5 o'clock last night near that point when a small skiff, carrying Mentzel and his wife, capsized. At a late hour the harbor patrol had not recovered the body. Few details of the accident were available during the progress of the search, but information given police was that the Mr. and Mrs. Mentzel were on their way to shore with a boatload of bark, which they had gathered from logs to use for fuel. When about 20 feet from the boathouses at the foot of Cranton street the skiff, heavily loaded, turned turtle and precipitated both occupants into the water. Mrs. Mentzel, who is a good swimmer, assisted her husband, who could not swim, to a log boom, where she left him clinging while she swam ashore for help. When she returned he had gone down. It was thought that he had become numbed and had drawn some water into his lungs before reaching his temporary haven at the side of the boom. Mrs. Mentzel was distracted, as she had no doubt that he would be safe where she left him. Mentzel was said to be employed as a waiter at the Benson hotel.

YOUNG MAN IS STABBED

Affray at Elma, Wash., Follows Quarrel Over Liquor.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Ernie Winne, 25, county roadworker, last night stabbed Ora Castle, 22, in the back with a butcher knife following a quarrel over liquor. Castle was seriously wounded. Winne will be charged with assault with intent to kill. Winne, it is said, went to the Castle home in west Elma, last evening, at home with his father, James Castle, refused the request and also refused to "go out and get some." Winne, it is said, seized a butcher knife, from the table and chased the young man out of the house and down the street. Castle started to climb a fence in his effort to escape, but Winne caught him and stabbed him in the back. Winne then went to his home where he was found there by officers an hour later.

EVERYBODY IS \$3 POORER

Per Capita Circulation of Money Declines in Month.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9.—Every person in the country was \$3 poorer at the end of January than at the beginning of the month, according to a circulation statement issued tonight by the treasury. On January 1 the per capita circulation of money in the country was \$33.92, based on a total circulation of \$3,447,853,320, and an estimated population of 109,917,000, as compared with a per capita circulation February 1 of \$49.96, based on a total circulation of \$3,447,853,320 and an estimated population of 109,917,000.

SENATE INDORSES ENVOYS

Harding Choice of Ambassadors to Former Central Powers Approved.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9.—President Harding's nominations of ambassadors to the former central powers today received the endorsement of the senate foreign relations committee. The nominations of Allison B. Houghton of New York, to be ambassador to Germany; Albert H. Brewster of Massachusetts, to be minister to Austria, and Theodore Brandt of Illinois, to be minister to Hungary, were reported favorably to the senate with confirmation declared assured.

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The resolution reaffirmed the sense of the official recognition of the republic of Ireland by the government of the United States, and the support of that republic by such lawful means financial or otherwise, as may be necessary.

It directed its secretary to inquire of the president and the congress of the United States "what measures are being taken or will be taken to insure to the Irish people an opportunity to express their will for the maintenance of their existing republican government, free of any threat of war by England, and free of any dictation by England as to the means by which that shall be expressed," and "to communicate with Eamon de Valera to ascertain in what assistance is now desired from this association."

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Further Violence Feared Along Border.

ULSTER APPEALS FOR HELP

British Troops Continue to Go From Island.

GRIFFITH URGES PATIENCE

Assurance That Free State Will Do All It Can Given Residents of North Ireland.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—Although it was believed that the few persons captured in Donegal have been released, the situation in Ireland as a result of kidnappings otherwise remained deadlocked today. The Sinn Feiners apparently have declined to liberate prisoners until the football players from Monaghan have been released by the Ulsterites. The Sinn Feiners today were declared to have captured several more Ulster specials.

The northern government has placed some 5000 specials along the boundary to prevent a new invasion from the south. It is also arranging for reinforcement by troops.

The government headed by Sir James Craig also has urged the imperial government to take action, but the imperial authorities appear to be reluctant to interfere further pending action by the provisional government of the free state.

British Troops Leaving

British troops today were still leaving southern Ireland, and a statement made in parliament by Winston Spencer Churchill, secretary for the colonies, seemed to indicate a desire by the government to leave the solution of the disturbed situation to the two Irish governments. Arthur Griffith, in an interview, expressed confidence that with patience and restraint by both sides, the Ulster question would be amicably settled within the present year on the basis of a unified Ireland. He added that it must be remembered that the provisional government did not enjoy full governmental powers at yet, but that it might be relied on to adopt every action within circumscribed powers to prevent illegal acts from being committed. Winston Spencer Churchill stated in the House of Commons today that it was impossible at present to give a date for the completion of the withdrawal of British troops from Ireland.

Anarchy Is Decried

Sir John Butcher of York asked if in view of the "anarchy" in the south and west, and of yesterday's appalling raid into the north, the government intended to keep sufficient troops in Ireland to preserve order. To this Mr. Churchill replied that he was inclined to deprecate the statement that anarchy existed, and said that no munitions or stores had been sold to the Irish republican army, but that a quantity of police arms, ammunition and motor transports had been taken over by the provisional government subject to valuation.

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