

ACTRESS' LETTERS TO TAYLOR VANISH

Possible Clue to Murder of
Director Seen.

MISS NORMAN TESTIFIES

Inquest Testimony Indicates Bullet
Was Fired Upward by Person
in Reclining Position.

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Miss Norman testified that she saw the bullet fired from the balcony of the hotel, and that Taylor was lying on the floor when the shot was fired.

Miss Norman was the only one of a number of motion-picture actors and actresses subpoenaed who was called to the stand. Mrs. Douglas Maclean, one of those who told of hearing the shot, was at the inquest, but was not called to the stand. Mrs. Maclean told him that after she heard the shot she went to her door and looked across the street and saw Taylor standing at Taylor's door.

The detective named two others, who, he said, told him they heard a shot. Coroner Nance asked him if they gave any explanation why they made no investigation at the time. He replied that they said they thought the sound might have been made by an exploding fire.

There were no women's tears at the inquest which determined that Taylor came to his death at the hands of an assassin. The only one who was not called to the stand was Taylor's valet and cook, who waited about when he entered the inquest room.

Among the first to arrive were Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Maclean, who had heard the shot. Mrs. Maclean had seen the player leave the house a minute after the shooting, but neither she nor her husband was called. Edna Purviance and others had been subpoenaed but did not testify.

Eyton Tells of Find.

Taylor's body was covered with a satin veil, save for the head, the head of an ascetic, with thin white lips, thin, aristocratic nose, high cheekbones and gray hair.

Charles Eyton, western manager for the Lasky studios, was the first witness. He told of finding the body. He said he had talked to Mr. Maclean and they had supposed death was due to natural causes. However, it was suggested that they search for a bullet wound.

"We opened his vest, the deputy coroner and I," he testified. "Then we saw the blood and from that located the wound."

Miss Norman was dressed in a dashing fashion, with mannish-looking green velours and on her head a wide-brimmed feather. She had on a brown checked sport coat furrowed at collar and cuffs, a black skirt and a cream lace waist. Her hands were in white gloves and she held a small handkerchief in one of them.

Her voice was low and calm. She displayed no nervousness. She gave the jury about the same story she had previously given newspaper men, but in lesser detail.

"Did Mr. Taylor go to your car with you when you left?" she was asked.

"Yes, he took me to the car and stood talking with me a few minutes and said he would call me by telephone in about an hour. He watched while I drove away and I waved my hand to him."

"Did he call you up?"

"No, I went home and went right to bed. My maid never wakes me, anyway, once I have retired."

"And then it was Peavey's turn. He had been Mr. Taylor's valet and cook for about six months. He had been in the house when Miss Norman arrived. He told the jury that he had seen Taylor's body and that he had seen the bullet wound."

"I saw them sitting on two chairs facing each other in the living room," he testified. "They were talking about a red-covered book which they were handling. I went out after locking the door and saw the bullet hole in the wall. I talked to Miss Norman's chauffeur a minute, then went on."

"When did you next see Mr. Taylor?"

"About 7:30 the next morning. That was my last time seeing him. I had with me a bottle of milk of magnesia. Mr. Taylor used to drink that every morning. I picked up the newspaper, unlocked the door and went in."

Servant Breaks Down.

"What did you see?"

"I saw Mr. Taylor's feet. And then I called Mr. Taylor and he didn't say nothing, and I walked in and I saw his head."

At this point the young man again broke down. He could not go on for some time. His mourning sounded so much like a snuff that many smiled, but there were tears in Peavey's eyes.

"I went out and yelled that Mr. Taylor was dead."

"Had anything been changed?"

"Nothing, except that the chair was overturned. The lights were on and the back door was locked. The windows were down and locked. Nothing was taken that I know of. Mr. Taylor's diamond ring was on his finger and he still had his two watches, one on his wrist."

Police Detective Zientler testified that it would have been impossible for Mr. Taylor to have caused his own death. There was no weapon such as would have made the wound, and no man could have made such a wound on his own body, the detective declared.

The coroner asked the spectators to clear the room while the jury deliberated, and that was done. It was only a few minutes until the verdict was reached.

Other "Thriller" Staged.

A separate "thriller" was staged at the undertaking establishment of Ivy Overholzer, Tenth and Hill streets, during the inquest over the body of Taylor.

Mabel Normand, the subject of millions of exposures, became camera shy. After posing for still and motion pictures for years, the film star and central figure in the murder investigation, fought hard to avoid photographers and failed.

At 10 o'clock, the hour set by Coroner Nance for the start of the inquest, Mabel Normand was missing. The coroner ordered a telephone search for her. The search was fruitless. About 15 minutes later two of Mabel's publicity men walked in the undertaking parlors. They had the necessary photographs and told the coroner while they were waiting at the front of the house, Mabel was buried in through the back alley, under a fence and through the back yard of the es-

tablishment and was sitting in a corner of the hall.

There was a lot of scurrying. The press agent brigade, always on the alert to get Mabel's name and picture into the papers, formed a "V" shape and with the help of other film officials and general assistants, landed Mabel safely inside a little private office. There in the seclusion and protection of the darkened room, Mabel rested until she was called.

After the inquest there was more press agent strategy. Back doors were opened, gates held ajar. The big limousine was backed into an alley, behind an ice truck. Mabel, surrounded by various and sundry publicity experts, managers, legal representatives and other friendly infantry, appeared in a small door at the back of the undertaking establishment. From there she and her supporters dashed madly toward a little gate, down three steps and into the alley.

Click, click, click, went camera shutters. Then there was a race down the alley, with Mabel and her manager in the lead.

Miss Norman managed to get inside the car. There she remained until the last of her guard piled in, and down the alley sped the 2000 auto-mobile.

The deceased was referred to as "Taylor" throughout the inquest. Search for the person described by Mrs. Maclean and for Edward Sands, former butler and secretary of Taylor, continued today, and the police ran down numerous fruitless clues to each. It was admitted for the first time today by the investigators that Sands is believed to be in or near Los Angeles.

Larceny Charge Recalled.

He had been sought for several months on a grand larceny charge made by Taylor, who alleged Sands stole some of his effects and disappeared. Investigators said they had the word of a witness they believed was reliable that Sands was in the city last Tuesday.

The detectives said the statement of Sands would be an "important element" in the case if he had one to make in the interest of narrowing the scope of the investigation.

The investigation today, it was stated, was devoted largely to the subject of motive. The police have from the beginning been of the opinion that Taylor was slain for revenge, but it was admitted that up to late today it had not been determined that anyone entertained animosity for Taylor in such a degree that would appear to be an incentive to murder.

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FORMER WIFE INTERVIEWED

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Mr. Hughes and Mr. Balfour Get
Official Pleadings for Good Offices in Negotiations.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 4.—(By the Associated Press.)—The treaty between Japan and China embodying the settlement of the Shantung controversy was signed late today in the hall of the American union by the representatives of the two powers. Attendant on the signing were Arthur J. Balfour, head of the British arms delegation, and Secretary Hughes, whose good offices, together with the intervention of President Harding, brought about the settlement.

The treaty was signed for Japan by Admiral Baron Kato, Ambassador Shidehara and Vice-Foreign Minister Hanjira, and for China by Minister Sze, Minister Koo and Chief Justice Wang. Two copies of the treaty were signed and sealed, one to be deposited in Tokyo and the other in Peking.

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Ex-German operated mines in the province will be handed over to a company to be formed under a special charter of the Chinese government, in which Japanese capital shall not exceed Chinese capital.

Japan undertakes not to seek establishment of an exclusive Japanese nor international settlement in Kiaochow and China agrees to open the entire former leasehold and port of Tsingtau to foreign trade on equal terms. Property rights of foreigners will be respected. The salt industry is declared to be a part of the Chinese government monopoly and Japanese interests will be purchased at a fair value.

The treaty becomes effective after its signature and exchanges at Peking, which must take place not later than four months after signing. The annexes of the treaty provide for renunciation by Japan of preferential rights, certain details concerning the transfer of public property, maritime customs at Tsingtau, the Tsingtau-Tsinanfu railway, the Chefoo-Walsh railway and the opening of the leased territory.

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SPRUCE PROJECTS BEGUN

LINCOLN COUNTY NOW SCENE OF GREAT ACTIVITY.

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NEWPORT, Or., Feb. 4.—(Special.)—The Pacific Spruce corporation, with its engineering crew, has begun the reconstruction of the railroad between South Beach and Waldport. The line will extend the line into the timber holdings between Waldport and Yachats. At this end one mile of the road will be constructed on piling. The present piling built by the United States spruce corporation has deteriorated to the extent that it will be necessary to rebuild all that part of the railroad that is extended out into the deep water channel, about one mile in length.