

STAR TELLS OF REACTIONS WITH SLANDER DIRECTOR

creat in the William D. Taylor murder mystery today. A peddler of narcotics well known to the police has disappeared from his Hollywood home, missing since the day of the murder.

SEKERS NEW CLUES Among Taylor's acquaintances were women of the studios who are known to be addicted to "dope."

PROSECUTOR QUESTIONS STARS; INFORMATION FOR GRAND JURY By A. Chester Keel

Los Angeles, Feb. 10.—Five persons appeared before District Attorney Thomas Lee Woolwine late yesterday and were questioned at length concerning their knowledge of William Desmond Taylor on any information they might possess concerning his murder.

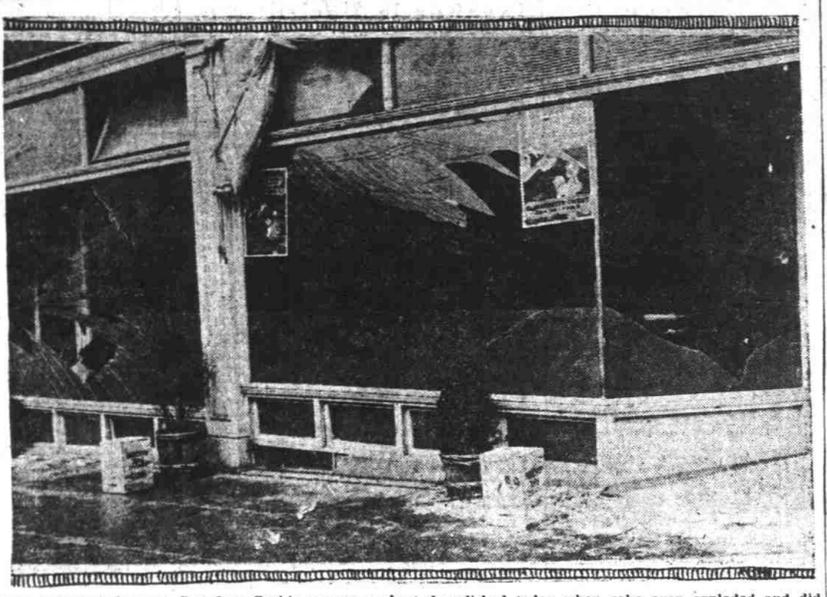
MISS NORMAND EXONERATED A sensation was created by Captain Adams when he said: "I do not believe Mabel Normand killed Taylor. It is possible that she may have been the cause of his death, but entirely innocent of any connection with it."

GIVEN LONG GRILLING Eston was one of the persons questioned by Woolwine yesterday. In fact, it was due to the long grilling which Eston underwent that precluded the hearing of Miss Normand.

CHAUFFEUR QUESTIONED Howard Fellows, the chauffeur, is believed to have repeated his story of telephoning Taylor early in the evening and of calling for him later without getting a response.

Dye Blouse or Baby's Coat in Diamond Dyes "Diamond Dyes" add years of wear to worn, faded skirts, waists, coats, stockings, sweaters, coverings, hangings, draperies, everything that is made of fabric.

Where Bursting Oven Wrecked Glass



Huge plate windows at Grandma Cookie company plant demolished today when cake oven exploded and did \$4000 damage.

call at 7:30 o'clock, but when Fellows called at that hour Taylor failed to answer the telephone. He called several times up to 7:30, and then went to the house to see if he could find Taylor at the doorbell and he put Taylor's car in the garage.

Significance was attached to Fellows' testimony by the district attorney, who said that the fact that Fellows testified in the morning he was recalled in the afternoon. His statement, as were those of all other persons questioned by Woolwine, was taken in shorthand by Ben Smith, official stenographer for the district attorney's office.

LOVE IS ADMITTED Friends of the dead man have admitted that he was desperately in love with Miss Normand. Captain Adams also admitted that he had obtained this opinion from persons he had questioned.

NEW MURDER SUSPECT IN TOPEKA, KAN. Topeka, Kan., Feb. 10.—(U. P.)—A man giving his name as Walter Scott Underwood and said to be wanted in Los Angeles on a charge of taking \$1100 from the Pacific Electric company, where he was employed as cashier, today was held by authorities here pending arrival of Los Angeles authorities.

Storage Reservoir Will Be Discussed At Twin Falls, Ida. Twin Falls, Idaho, Feb. 10.—Whether the proposed reservoir project will be realized will be definitely decided at a conference this afternoon and evening at Pocatello, according to word received here.

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Two Clash Over Warrant Shaving (Continued From Page One) had been "shaving" the warrants issued by the county to service men in the city who wanted to talk about the matter. Columbia river highway. According to this report Bloch has been charging 50 cents brokerage for cashing a warrant for \$2.

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GRAND JURY KILLED TAYLOR, AUTHOR HINTS

By Arthur B. Reeve Author of "Craig Kennedy," Scientific Detective Stories. (Written Exclusively for Universal Service) (Copyright, 1922, by Universal Service) New York, Feb. 10.—Investigators in the Taylor murder mystery are apparently floundering in a cloud of fog. Let us see if we can get some of the mist out of mystery.

It can be solved. It must be solved. It will be solved. For it is not "the one perfect crime from a criminal's standpoint." It may be true that it has been so hopelessly muddled up and hushed up that the tracks are all but covered. But they are not obliterated. It merely calls for a different method.

Seven days after the murder was discovered, the story of the murdered man's chauffeur becomes known. On the eighth day the "Blessed Baby" letters are at last discovered—stuffed in the top of a riding boot in Taylor's clothes closet. Suddenly, at the same time Taylor's houseman, Henry Peavey, unearths a lace handkerchief with the initials "M. M. M.", tucked away in some dirty linen. Now this is not all accidental.

QUOTES KIPLING Leaving out of account the fugitive butler-secretary, Sands, let us direct our attention first to some star, of high or low degree; second, toward some one of the hangers on of the film world. I've taken my fun where I've found it. I've roamed and I have ranged in my time for my "mystery" cases. "Tara" for instance. About those "Blessed Baby" letters. How long have they been in the top of that riding boot? Who put them there?

Did Taylor take them out of his desk after Miss Normand saw them there? Why should he wish to conceal them? Why in the top of that riding boot? The fatal night, afraid to take them away? DROPS MANY HINTS Or did some one put them there a day or two ago, afraid to keep them?

AGAIN: We ask the same question in regard to the lace handkerchief, with its "M. M. M." and the passionate love letters of Mary Miles Minter, which "fell out of a book." There was a story of handkerchiefs bearing an "M" which disappeared about the time suspicion was directed on the fugitive Sands. What is this all? Protective camouflage?

COMPLETING the "Four o' the lot that was prime" are we to have false leads set out for us next with Neva Gerber reported once engaged to Taylor and again disengaged; Kingston, another old friend whom he had been somewhat intimate with; Edna Pruvance, Claire Windsor, and all the rest that have been also mentioned, until crime comes in the top of that riding boot? Fancy a woman who loved him passionately, jealously, who made midnight visits, visits at all hours. Might this be the woman who hid the letters in the house while Miss Normand was there?

CALLS IT BUNGLING Imagine after Miss Normand had gone, a quarrel and a shot, unawares raised, and Taylor's arms raised in the air, and the revolver fired. Then in the revulsion of feeling, as Detective Parsons now says he found the body laid out carefully, the arms raised, and the revolver fired across the legs. Could she then have carefully hid the letters and fled?

Finally, to complete this bungling in the handling of the evidence, where is that pink nightgown? There is one flash of scientific hope—the bullet. It is said to be of a type manufactured many years ago. There may be something in that. As to the other possibility, that the crime was committed by a man, but instigated by a woman, perhaps a woman raised on the New Jersey terminal, it is believed that it was done by a man, a hired assassin, who waited and watched and slipped into the house when Taylor accompanied the picture show, and shot him.

ASSASSIN HIRING! If it was a hired assassin who struck down Taylor like a dog, without a chance, from behind, there is also color to the supposition that he was hired by Taylor and political leader of Jersey, who came to Portland March 2 as guests of the Portland Zionist society. Warburg and Sokolow are carrying the message of Zionism to all sections of the United States and are now engaged in an extensive tour.

Headquarters Open For Compiling of Manufacture Census

Elmore W. Sanderson, chief special agent of the bureau of census, department of commerce, has opened an office in room 811 New Postoffice building to take the biennial manufacturers' census for Multnomah county. Those in the state outside the county, should be sent to San Francisco.

The manufacturers' census was formerly taken only every five years, but a recent law required that it be taken every two years. Assisting the census bureau in this work is the forest service, which is handling the sawmill census and the geological survey.

San Francisco headquarters have jurisdiction over Oregon, Washington and California, but special offices have been established in Portland, Seattle and Los Angeles. Sanderson will have nothing to do with those manufacturers outside the county, except in the final roundup, when he will assist San Francisco in cleaning up the state of Oregon.

Sanderson expects to complete the census by June. A complete weather bureau, that will automatically record every known form of meteorological reading, will be in operation at the forest service experiment station at Wind River, near Starbuck, Wash., by April 1, for the study of the relations between the weather and the inflammability of forests.

Dr. Julius F. Hofmann, manager of the Wind River station, has just returned from making preliminary preparations, looking up the exact location and starting work necessary for establishing the bureau. In connection with the new bureau, which will be the largest in the Northwest, Hofmann will make a special study of the fire problem.

By recording the condition of the forest, moisture of the forest duff, types of forest, amount of undergrowth, at the exact time of the automatic recording of the meteorological conditions by the weather bureau, Hofmann believes he can dovetail the results together in such a way as to be able to forecast what may be expected of a forest fire for several hours ahead.

"Our instance," explained Hofmann, "four men may get a fire under control just as it has topped a ridge. But four spot fires have been started by flying embers in the canyon beyond the ridge. As a result of our experiments we shall be able to know just how rapidly these spot fires may be expected to burn within the next two hours. If slowly, then our men will go to the spot first, put them out and save the rest of the timber on the watershed; if rapidly, they will hurry at once to the next ridge, start a big back fire and burn up the whole thing, knowing this is the only way they can stop it."

Plans involve later establishment of similar stations at other points within the county, which will work with the larger station. National Guard Officers Meet in Annual Session At the Army this morning Adjutant General George A. White presided over the annual conference of the officers of the National Guard of Oregon. This afternoon General R. M. Blatchford of the United States army and commander of the post at Vancouver will speak on the unity of spirit animating the district court here Thursday. A rule to show cause was made returnable by Judge Morrison February 17.

COMMISSION BLOCKS Erie Road's Move To Raise Fruit Rate Washington, Feb. 10.—(U. P.)—Efforts of the Erie railroad to increase freight rates on 85 per cent of the fruits and vegetables arriving in New York from California and the Northwest are blocked today by the interstate commerce commission. The commission denied appeal of the road to raise its rates on these products from the New Jersey terminal to the line to its Duane street station.

CONTEMPT HEARING CONTINUED Vancouver, Wash., Feb. 10.—The hearing in the case of W. J. Bender, ordered to show cause why he should not be adjudged in contempt of court for failure to pay court costs in a recent hearing to modify the decree of alimony awarded his wife, Mrs. Ida M. Bender, was continued to April 3.

San Pedro, Cal., Feb. 10.—Lives of many persons were endangered, four vessels, including a ferry boat, were sunk and several others damaged in the harbor here today when the United States shipping board tanker Stockton smashed into a dock and struck vessels moored there. The total damage, it was estimated, would be between \$75,000 and \$100,000.

Newport, Or., Feb. 10.—The Newport Community club gave a dinner Wednesday evening at their clubroom at which Charles W. James, recently appointed county judge, was the guest of honor. The meeting was largely attended. Good roads was the main topic at issue. Ways and means for the development of the coast roads from Newport to Waldport, damaged by heavy wind storms, at anything, noted as they are for their diabolical cunning? I believe on what we have before us, however—unsure as it may be, unable to fall back on the rule of "cherchez la femme."

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