

### GRO SUSPECT TRAILED ON NEW FILM CRIME CLUE

Los Angeles, Feb. 21.—(L. N. S.)—Reports that a woman whose name has been prominent in the case will probably be called to the district attorney's office to be questioned there for the second time, and the discovery of the trail of a negro named Anderson, sought as a suspect, today marked the investigation of the William Desmond Taylor murder mystery.

Information received since the woman, who was one of Taylor's closest friends, was questioned by District Attorney Woolsey, early in the investigation, requires that she be called upon to amplify her statement, it was reported.

**NEGRO LOCATED**  
Trace of the negro Anderson was found following an all-night search. Anderson was injected into the case by Henry Peavey, Taylor's negro valet-cook.

Anderson told Peavey he was out of work and Peavey took him to the Taylor home, where he telephoned to a friend of Taylor's who needed a servant. Anderson obtained this position, but quit a week before Taylor was slain.

Anderson stayed at the home with Peavey for several hours and then left. I haven't seen him since," Peavey said.

**MORE MONEY FOUND**  
The discovery of a secret bank account in New York revived interest in the theory that Taylor was slain by black-mailers. It was suggested that he may have withdrawn the money to give to someone whom he feared.

An examination of Taylor's account at his Los Angeles bank has disclosed that he withdrew \$4000 under the head of "cash" on one occasion.

A report from the jeweler testing the costly golf watch worn by Taylor when he was slain was expected to be received at the district attorney's office today. The jeweler tested the watch to determine whether it was stopped by Taylor's fall to the floor after he was shot or simply "ran down." When the watch stopped the hands indicated 7:21 o'clock.

**MABEL'S CABLE FOUND**  
Mabel Normand has recovered sufficiently from her illness, brought on by a cold, to begin work on her new picture.

A copy of a cablegram sent to Taylor by "Mabel" from London, June 26, 1921, has been found in his effects. It read: "Dearest Bill: Powder box wonderful. Sick abed pleurisy nine days. Feel better. Miss you dreadfully. All love, Mabel."

**Washington to Sell Timber and Lands**

Olympia, Wash., Feb. 21.—Total appraised valuation of the land and timber to be offered for sale in the next state land sale, April 4, is \$394,827.48, according to an announcement by Clark V. Savidge, state land commissioner. The value of the timber is nearly double that offered for sale 30 days ago, which Commissioner Savidge states is an indication of the stability of the present revival in the lumber industry.

### TAYLOR'S MANSERVANT QUESTIONED BY POLICE



Henry Peavey, William D. Taylor's cook and valet, who is one of the important figures in the murder investigation.

### COCKTAILS MENACE FILMLAND IN SOUTH

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single exception of "life" itself—life in the sense of the precarious high flying of untamed wings borne on a breeze of money.

**"MOON" EASY TO GET**  
The inevitable aftermath is an orgy of high living, wild parties, bootleg banquets and the like that get far-flung and unpleasant publicity because the participants are so often prominently in the public eye.

For the usual fee almost any Los Angeles doctor will write a prescription for whiskey which can be purchased at the neighborhood drug store at far less than the bootlegger's fee. So the stuff from which cocktails are made is provided abundantly, even without considering the kindly services of the district bootlegger who hurried his supply in the back lot in pre-Prohibition days.

The "retired" money of the East and Middle West, seeking the salubrious climate of Southern California, with nothing to do but enjoy life and the fruits of wealth, is, at least in a large measure, responsible for the conditions that exist today in Los Angeles, which encompasses almost within the city limits the entire California motion picture world.

**WOULD CLEAN HOUSE**  
Of course, motion picture players are

paid far and away more money for their work than their services are worth to society. But that is an economic condition that must find adjustment as the industry stabilizes itself. The fact only augments and aggravates the surroundings set up by the wealth that has no other connection with the industry than to attract its moths to the flame.

Those people who are, after all, the backbone of the industry, do not deny that things have gone awry in filmland. They know it and, to all appearances, they are making a sincere effort to clean house. It is only a matter of time, if no better way is found, until all the moths will have burned their wings and the hardy souls only will survive as a basis for the reconstruction of the industry.

### Water for Use in Flax Plant Sought By Salem Concern

Salem, Feb. 21.—The Willamette Valley Flax & Hemp corporation of Salem has filed with State Engineer Cupper application for permission to appropriate 150 second feet of water from Mill creek and the North Santiam river for power development and for use in retting tanks.

Other applications covering water rights have been filed as follows:  
By W. R. Beal, Yreka, Cal., water from Soldier creek and Bridge creek tributary to Illinois river, for mining purposes in Josephine county. Estimated construction cost of this development is \$10,000.  
By Velma Harrah, Freewater, one second foot of water from Spring creek tributary to Walla Walla river, for irrigation purposes in Umatilla county.  
By George L. Grossnickle, Bridgeport, water from Clark creek for irrigation of lands in Baker county.  
By Katherine David, Ontario, water from Snake river for irrigation of 80 acres in Malheur county, for a domestic water supply and for stock watering purposes.  
By E. F. Barnard, Hamilton, Grant county, water from a spring stream for irrigation purposes.

### Auto Tax Questions Involved in Cases

Salem, Feb. 21.—Two cases involving taxation of automobiles held in stock by dealers on March 1 and filed in the supreme court here Monday will be considered together with the case of the Northwest Auto company against T. M. Harburt, sheriff and tax collector of Multnomah county. These are the cases of Stevens versus Harburt and the Covey Motor company versus Harburt. All involve the same question and contend that the dealer's license provided for under the act of 1914 exempts automobiles in the hands of dealers from taxation as personal property.

**PAYROLLS ARE ADJUSTED**  
Olympia, Wash., Feb. 21.—Calling in the field force was work was slack has enabled Edward Clifford, director of the department of labor and industries, to complete the adjustment of employers' payrolls earlier by many months than has been known in the history of the industrial insurance department.

### ORGANIZATION OF NEW PARTY IS PUT OFF TO DECEMBER

Chicago, Feb. 21.—Organization of a national farm-labor political alliance was postponed today until the second Monday in December, by the conference between the two groups' representatives here.

The conference decided to await the outcome of the November elections before going ahead with the national organization. Pending formation of the national coalition, however, the farmers and laborers will work together through state organizations.

A committee of 15 was appointed to report at the December meeting on a national organization scheme.

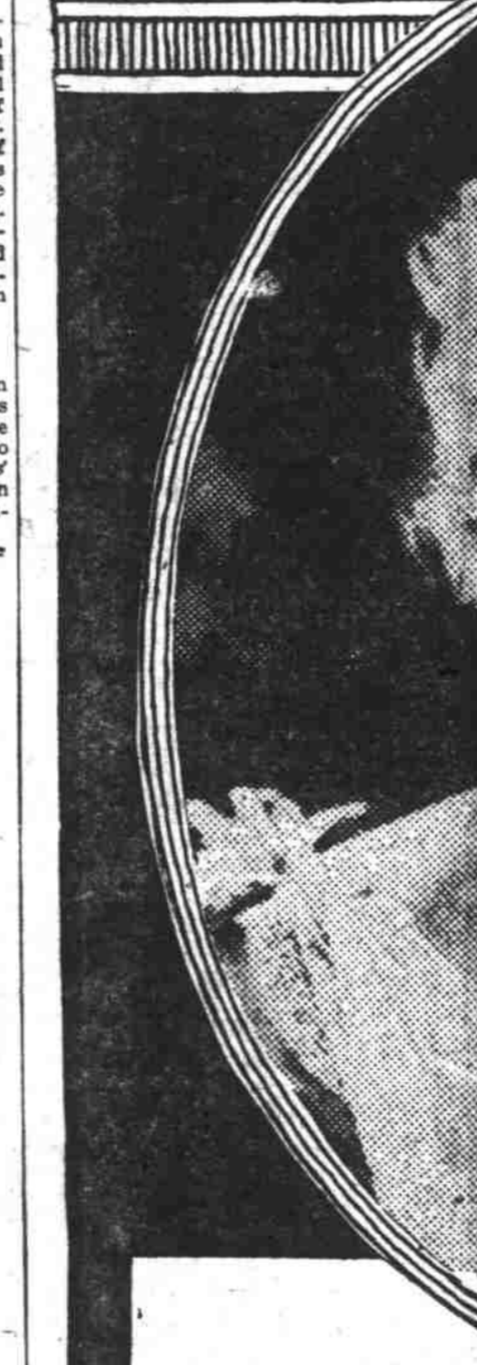
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or put one of their members on either of the old party tickets.  
This plan is said to be that of Arthur C. Townley, president of the National Non-partisan league and reported leader behind the United Farmers National bloc. He has decided this action is the most feasible it is said, as a result of his experiences in North Dakota.

The state organization will be formed around existing organizations, such as the Non-partisan league and the United Farmers National bloc, it is said.

**WIDE VIEWPOINT**  
Despite the variety of political opinion and the breadth of view of some of the speakers, the meeting was uneventful. Farmers declared that a great percentage of agricultural producers are "bankrupt" and lack of assistance of the present administration was blamed.

Socialist speakers, for the most part, favored the federation like the British labor party, with all units retaining their identity, but all working towards a common end. Union labor speakers asked, in the main, concerted action in the primaries either on the Republican or Democratic ticket.

There were about 200 representatives present. Every brand of political belief was brought out and aired and the conference listened patiently. At the conclusion of the session it was evident, from the addresses of the farmers, that they are at sea regarding any program, said James O'Neill, socialist delegate, New York.

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### Guard Clashes With Miners; 4 Wounded

Wellburg, W. Va., Feb. 21.—(L. N. S.)—Four men were wounded, two seriously, in a revolver battle early today between a guard at Labelle mine No. 4 of the West-Virginia-Pittsburg Coal company and a score of striking miners. The battle took place on the Pennsylvania railroad bridge at the approach of the mine, near here.

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