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MABEL NORMAND IS VERY ILL

MORE HOUSES HIT BY CRASH IN NEW YORK

Five Big Brokerage Firms Swept Into Bankruptcy As Result of Failures in Speculation.

AMERICAN CUSTOMERS SUFFER HEAVY LOSSES

Twelve of Thirty Breaks Since First of Year Show Fraudulent Methods

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Financial storms in speculative Wall street, which swept the brokerage firm of Kardos & Burke into bankruptcy last night, hit four more houses today.

DALLAS MILL OFFER IS NOT ACCEPTED BY FLAX GROWERS

The offer of citizens of Dallas to sell the mill site in that city to the Willamette Valley Flax and Hemp Growers Cooperative association was not accepted by the directors of the company, following their inspection of the site Wednesday.

HI Y CLUB IS ORGANIZED BY YOUTHS AT JEFFERSON

Edwin Socolofsky, returned last night from Jefferson, gratified with the success of the Hi Y club organization meeting held there early in the evening. The club was formed with eight members to begin with, but a number of others wanting to come in.

Chinese Tragedy Staged on California Seed Farm

HOLLISTER, Cal., Feb. 23.—Wong Lynn, Chinese foreman of the Morse Seed company's ranch near here, was shot and killed late today and Hun Chan, a laborer, was shot and seriously wounded by Yang Ley Ho, who after the shooting, inflicted probably fatal wounds upon himself with a knife.

Woman Weary; Loses Mind; Set Self Afire; Is Dead

SANTA CRUZ, Cal., Feb. 23.—Mrs. Frank Zanelli, 35, died today of burns received yesterday when, according to neighbors, she went to the front yard of her home, saturated her clothes with oil and then deliberately set herself on fire.

WEATHER
Friday fair; fresh to moderate westerly winds.

ASSESSORS MEETING HERE IN FAVOR OF UNIFORM TAXATION

General Property and Livestock Levies Are Discussed at Gathering of Western Oregon Officials—Semi-Annual Conferences Planned—Nickell of McMinnville Elected President, Holman Secretary

County assessors from 10 counties in the Willamette valley assembled in Salem yesterday, at the call of O. A. Steelhammer, Marion county assessor, to discuss a more uniform system of taxation for counties in this part of the state.

In order to bring these conditions about, it was thought that a series of meetings should be held by assessors for a general conference from time to time, and yesterday it was planned that these meetings should be held at least two times a year.

4-POWER PACT FOOTBALL FOR WARM SESSION

Administration Move for Compromise on Reservations Fails of Success in Committee.

SCENE MOST STORMY SINCE VERSAILLES ROW

Revised Draft Presented by Senator Lodge Without Recommendation

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—An administration move for a compromise on reservations to the four-power pact treaty failed of immediate success today after it had stirred up a spirited debate in the senate foreign relations committee.

BLIND SCHOOL HEAD FOUND EFFICIENT BY COMMITTEE

The special committee appointed by the state board of control to investigate conditions at the Oregon Employment Institution for the Blind in Portland, has filed its report after 12 conferences and upholds Superintendent and Mrs. J. F. Myers, declaring that Superintendent Myers is entitled to great credit.

ONE CHANCE FOR LIFE IS GIVEN BLUEBEARD

PARIS, Feb. 23.—Henri Landru, the "Bluebeard of Cambais" who was to have been guillotined this week for the murder of 10 women and a boy, has been given an additional few days of grace.

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MORE KNOTS IN BONUS STATUTE TO BE UNTANGLED IN COURT BY FRIENDLY SUIT; HASTE ASKED

4 CHARGES ARE LODGED ON RICKARD

Bail of Fight Promoter Raised to \$25,000 Relative to Assault Allegations

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—"Tex" Rickard, sports promoter, tonight was under four indictments charging him with misconduct with four school girls whose ages range from 11 to 15.

WILLAMETTE WOMEN DEBATE WITH BRITISHERS TONIGHT

Tonight at 8 o'clock the women's debate team of Willamette university will talk for honors in the first debate of the season.

3-PLY DEBATE IS ON TONIGHT

Salem Negative Team to Jefferson, Affirmative Meets Silvertown Here

Salem high school debaters will meet their first district contest tonight when they will engage in a triangular debate with Silvertown and Jefferson.

CALIFORNIA SENDS MAN TO NARCOTIC CONFERENCE

Governor Stephens of California has notified Governor Olcott that his state will be represented at the narcotic conference in Portland March 4 by J. S. O'Callaghan of the state board of pharmacy.

BOAT TAKEN

BOSTON, Feb. 23.—The auxiliary schooner Grace and Ruby, a former fisherman, was overhauled by the coast guard cutter Tampa today after a chase along the coast of the vessel from which \$70,000 worth of whiskey and gin was transferred outside Salem harbor yesterday.

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FIELDS STORY NOT VERIFIED BY OFFICIALS

Investigation in Los Angeles Fails to Bear Out Statements Made by Drug Fiend in Detroit.

PRISONER ONCE HELD IN WALLA WALLA PEN

Names of Film Notables Telegraphed to California Authorities

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HARNED RECALL NIPPED IN BUD

Efforts to recall Traffic Officer Fay Harned of Woodburn made little headway at Woodburn Monday night, although a petition for Harned's recall had been presented at the council meeting during the evening, it is reported.

ED BARRY FOUND GUILTY BY JURY IN JUSTICE TRIBUNAL

"A clear case against the accused." This was a juror's statement last night following a verdict of guilty returned by a justice court jury against Ed Barry, who was recently arrested by Police Sergeant Birtchett following a raid by Chief of Police Moffitt.

SEVEN KILLED

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 23.—Seven men were reported to have been killed and a number injured tonight when the Winnipeg Flyer on the Great Northern railway was struck by a snowplow near Delano, 30 miles west of here.

FIVE IN HOSPITAL

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Feb. 23.—Five men are in the hospital at Camp Eustace as the result of an explosion and fire last night.

CRAIG ARRIVES

BELFAST, Feb. 23.—Sir James Craig, premier of Ulster, arrived here today from a tour of inspection along the Ulster border. He expects to go to London Friday.

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MISS NORMAND, WHO WAS ONE OF THE LAST TO SEE TAYLOR ALIVE, COLLAPSED AT THE FUNERAL

Although she was revived sufficiently to respond to a summons from Thomas Lee Woolwine, district attorney, to be questioned as to any clew she might be able to give to the murderer of Taylor, she shortly afterwards left her Los Angeles residence for one in Altadena, a suburb of Pasadena.

HER PHYSICIAN SAID HE HAD "HOPES FOR HER RECOVERY," BUT EXPECTED THE CRISIS TONIGHT.

Los Angeles, Feb. 23.—A Chinese bearing the name of Wong Lee — the same as that of the Chinese said by Harry M. Fields, in Detroit, to have been a member of the group of three persons he drove to the home of William Desmond Taylor, the night the film director was murdered—left Los Angeles Chinatown two days ago, it was announced tonight by the sheriff's deputies at work on the case.

The officers said they had nothing to lead them to believe that the Chinese had anything to do with the slaying of Taylor, but they pointed out that his departure was simultaneous with the first intimation from Detroit that Fields might have important evidence to offer.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 23.—Los Angeles authorities said tonight they had been unable to verify any of the statements bearing on the murder of William Taylor, film director, alleged to have been made in Detroit by Harry

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