

The Weather

Maximum yesterday 45
Minimum today 28 1/2

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Predictions

Colder tonight. Rain or snow.

Daily—Sixteenth Year. Weekly—Fifty-First Year.

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SENSATIONAL ARREST IN CASE TODAY

Los Angeles Sheriff Declares Arrest Will Be Made and Will Not Be Sands—Sheriff Conducting Probe Independent of Police—Mary Miles Minter Being Guarded.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 7.—The sheriff's office which has been conducting an independent investigation into the murder of Taylor, which it has previously announced, was on the theory that a woman was involved, announced that an arrest would be made late today and it would not be Sands.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 7.—Sheriff Harris of Elko, Nev., telephoned to the police department here today that the man at Carlin, Nev., thought to be Edward Sands, wanted in connection with the murder of William D. Taylor, motion picture director here, was not Sands, and had given a satisfactory account of his movements which dissolved all suspicion.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 7.—Motion picture cameras never have recorded a more sensational mystery drama than that of the all-star cast surrounding the death of William Desmond Taylor, famed director, in which police and private investigation for the past six days has developed only amazing complications of love, hate, gold and adventure.

While a funeral stupendous in its floral tribute and respect for the slain mystery man proceeds, investigators today continue reading of and seeking other law letters from leading actresses and seeking to find whether the fatal shot of last Wednesday was prompted by jealousy, fear, vengeance or some deeply concealed motive engendered in the melodramatically mysterious life of one who, prior to 1918, was known as William Cunningham Deane-Tanner and since as Taylor.

Police are unwavering in their search for Edward F. Sands, former butler-secretary of Taylor. Two warrants have been in police hands against Sands for several months, charging grand larceny and burglary, both in connection with thefts of articles from the home of Taylor.

Woman Was Motive. Police detectives said they seek to connect a man with the crime as the one who fired the shot, prompted by relations with a woman. Investigators of the sheriff's office and private detectives indicate they feel confident that a woman furnished the motive and that this woman will prove to be a motion picture actress. Several are known to have been infatuated with Taylor and out of some woman's infatuation, these investigators say, the key to the mystery shooting will be developed.

Neva Geber, motion picture actress, at one time was engaged to Taylor, but the engagement was broken off owing to incompatibility, she said.

Claire Windsor, motion picture actress, was Taylor's guest at a hotel party within a week before the murder, and at that time, she told the police, Taylor threatened to kill Sands if he could ever by his hands upon him.

Mrs. Douglas MacLean, wife of a motion picture actor and neighbor of Taylor, told of hearing a shot on Wednesday evening and seeing a strange man emerge from Taylor's living room entrance, smile at her, turn to Taylor's door and mutter something, then depart, walking between the houses to an alleyway. She did not tell her husband until the following morning when the murder of Taylor was discovered by Taylor's

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Body Found in the Potomac May Be Evelyn Nesbit Thaw

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Having found a marked resemblance between the features of a woman whose body was found yesterday in the Potomac river and photographs of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, former actress who was recently reported to have disappeared from her New York home, Washington police today asked police authorities of New York to cooperate in efforts to identify the body.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Finding of a body in the Potomac said to resemble that of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw today recalled the fact that last October she had attempted suicide by poison. Recently she was evicted from a tea room she had been running in the upper tenderloin district. She then dropped from sight.

HARDING ORDERS FORTIFICATION OF GUAM STOPPED

President Takes Prompt Action Following End of Arms Parley—Final Order Halting Work On Navy Waits Upon Ratification By Senate.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—President Harding will order suspended all work on vessels now building which are destined for the scrap heap under the naval treaty, but will issue no final order for discontinuance of the work until the treaty is actually ratified. It was said today at the White House.

The president, it was stated, already has ordered cessation of work on additional fortifications on the island of Guam and likewise further developments under way in the Philippine Islands, taking his action in view of the clause of the naval treaty fixing the status quo for those Pacific Islands of the United States.

The treaties resulting from the arms conference, it was said at the White House, are expected to be sent to the senate the last of this week, although this will depend on the submission of the report of the American delegation to the president. Mr. Harding, it was added, has not decided whether he will present the treaties in person or by letter.

The president was represented as of the belief that some reductions in the personnel of the army and navy would result from the arms conference agreements, but of "reasonable number."

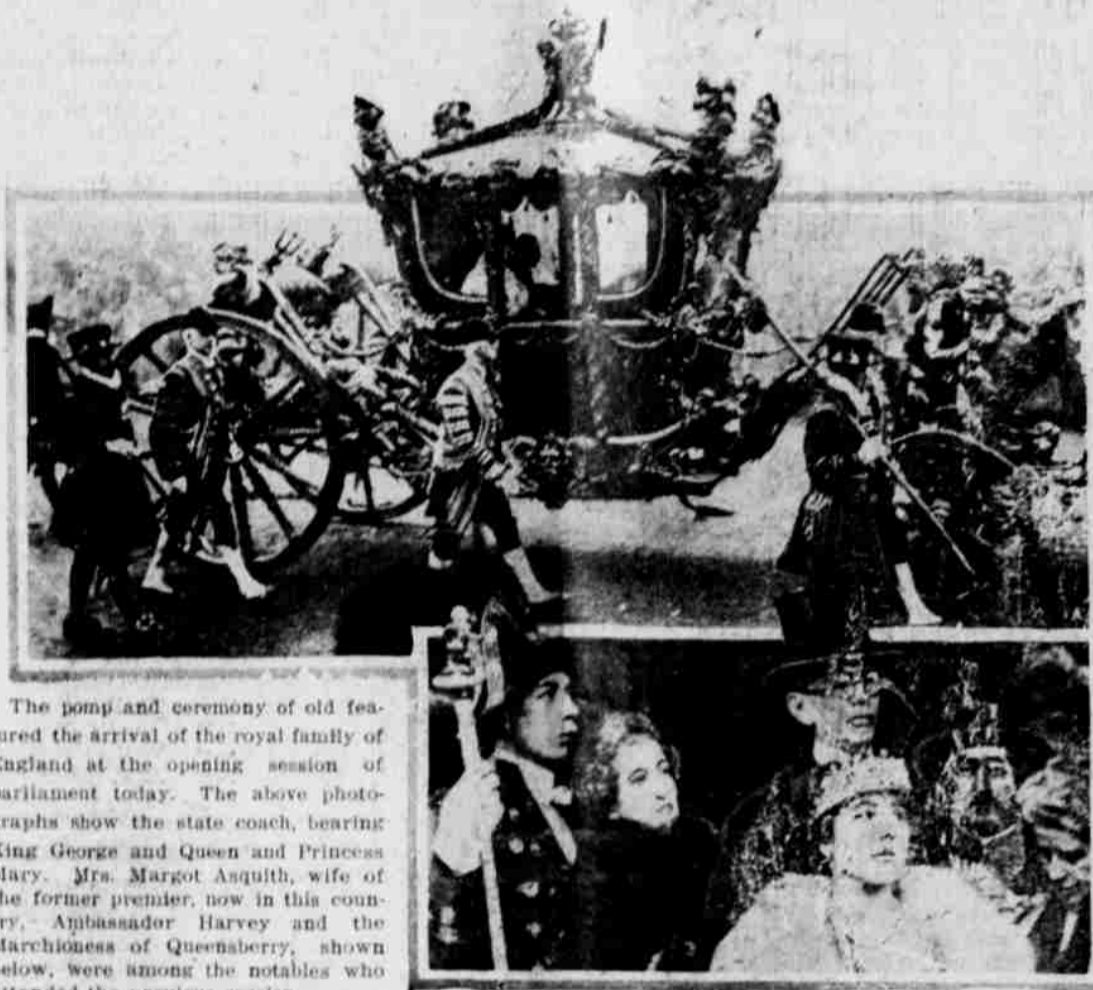
The navy, in his opinion, it was said, should not go beyond 89,999 men, the lowest minimum for safety.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Immediate translation of the work of the arms conference into a reduction of governmental expenditures was called for by Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, in a formal statement today in which he declared a further cut in the army should be had and the troops returned from the Rhine at once.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Orders for the sending of new guns to replace those in the Philippines fortifi-

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Ancient Pomp Marks Opening of Parliament



The pomp and ceremony of old featured the arrival of the royal family of England at the opening session of parliament today. The above photographs show the state coach, bearing King George and Queen and Princess Mary. Mrs. Margot Asquith, wife of the former premier, now in this country, Ambassador Harvey and the Marchioness of Queensberry, shown below, were among the notables who attended the previous session.

SOLDIER BONUS WILL COST U.S. \$2,500,000,000

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The soldiers would receive approximately \$2,500,000,000 on the basis of bonus estimates prepared for the house ways and means committee by fiscal officers of the army, navy and marine corps.

This total is predicated upon the assumption that fifty per cent of the men who served with the army and 75 per cent of those who saw service with the navy and marine corps will take cash. American Legion officers have estimated that not more than half the army men would elect the cash provision, and they took issue today before the committee with navy and marine corps officers who figured that 75 per cent of the men who served in those services would elect to take money.

Captain Philip Williams of the navy bureau of navigation estimated the cost of the bonus for men who served with the navy at \$277,629,142 and Major R. B. Putnam, assistant paymaster of the marine corps, placed the cost for marine corps veterans at \$38,877,592. Brigadier General Lord budget officer of the war department, previously had estimated that the cost in the case of men serving with the army would be \$2,227,195,990.

With the examination of Captain Williams and Major Putnam and several other witnesses, the committee brought the bonus hearings to a close. The committee will meet tomorrow to consider the provisions of the bill, and the majority members soon will begin conferences with the republican members of the senate finance committee on methods of financing the bonus.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The problem of selecting revenue sources to defray the cost of a soldiers' bonus measure rested today in the hands of the majority members of the house ways and means committee and the senate finance committee.

Informing the majority members of the two committees at a White House conference late yesterday that whatever bonus bill was enacted should carry a revenue provision, President Harding joined in an agreement that they should confer jointly on the question of how the revenue should be raised, with the understanding that when a decision was reached it should be submitted to the president with a view to his concurrence. It was believed today the inter-committee conferences would begin a day or two after the approaching conclusion of the bonus hearings before the house committee.

Prefers Catching Runaways to Playing With Portland Team

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Feb. 7.—Joe Sargeant, infielder, sold by Detroit to Portland for the Pacific Coast league, today said he had terminated all negotiations for a 1922 contract. "I can make more money catching runaways than Portland will pay," he declared. Sargeant has a local business.

Astoria P. M. Named. WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The president today nominated Charles W. Halderman to be postmaster at Astoria, Ore.

Margaret Dyes Her Cats to Harmonize With Her Draperies

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Miss Margaret Owen, 22 years old, a singer, has her freedom today because she has promised Magistrate Smith that she will never again dye her cats to harmonize with her house draperies or the vivid-hued clothing she wears. Miss Owen was hailed before the magistrate when agents of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals testified she had dyed a valuable pet feline blue to match draperies in her home. The animal died, witnesses testified.

MISSISSIPPI GOV. BRANDS CHARGE AS BLACKMAIL

JACKSON, Miss., Feb. 7.—The \$100,000 damage suit filed against Francis C. Birkhead of New Orleans alleging seduction will be called for trial at the May term of federal court. Miss Birkhead is now in New Orleans and is said to be a hopeless invalid as a result of the two operations.

In a lengthy statement issued last night Governor Russell bitterly denounced the charge of Miss Birkhead as an "infamous blackmail." Howard Evans, editor of the Hattiesburg Monitor, and John Tilley, a prominent attorney of that city, have been Miss Birkhead's chief counsellors of late. Governor Russell said he knew nothing about the case. Attorney Tilley said: "I saw Miss Birkhead last summer and she told me the story. I did not advise or counsel with Miss Birkhead in any way except to tell her that her story could not be published unless it was made a matter of record in the courts. The woman was in destitute circumstances and in a pitiable physical plight. Further than this, I know nothing about her troubles."

Counsel for Miss Birkhead in a statement, denied the suit was a blackmail plot.

TED THYE WINS OVER GUS LARSON

WALLA WALLA, Feb. 7.—Ted Thye, Portland, wins from Gus Larson, two out of three falls, in a closely contested match.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Feb. 7.—Muff Bronson, Portland, defeated Billy Morrow, Spokane, by technical knockout in the sixth round of a scheduled twelve round bout.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 7.—Hockey: Vancouver 3; Victoria 2.

RICHMOND, VA. HOTEL BURNS, 3 DEAD, 25 HURT

RICHMOND, Feb. 7.—Three persons are known to be dead, and at least 25 injured in a fire here early today which destroyed the Lexington hotel and several nearby buildings with a loss estimated at \$150,000. A wall at the fire escape collapsed and is believed to have entombed several persons. Many were injured by leaping from windows. The flames quickly spread to the Savings bank of Richmond, the Pearl laundry, the Co-operative Exchange, the Anderson-Willett Paper company plant and the Clyde W. Saunders printing plant, all of which were badly damaged.

The known dead are: Hiram B. Austin, Fincastr, Va.; M. J. Fox, Williamsport, Pa.; J. N. Thomas, sheriff of Albemarle county, Virginia.

Among the injured was William O. Bailey, New York, badly burned about the face; Paul Bigone, New York, fractured hip; William P. Little, Portsmouth, Va., and J. H. Webb, Fincastr, Va. Belief was expressed that most of the unaccounted for persons later would be found. David H. Pitts, member of the Virginia house of delegates who lived at the hotel, was seriously injured in jumping from a window of the structure.

CALIFORNIA COLD BREAKS, STORM IS DUE IN OREGON

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.—Old man winter, ejected from the hills and vales of California is in full retreat towards Washington and Oregon according to the forecast of the United States weather bureau here today.

Rain, borne on a moderate southerly wind, promises to obliterate the trail of Jack Frost in this state during the next 24 hours. For Washington and Oregon rain or snow is predicted within the next few hours, but it will be colder tonight and a moderate-southwest wind will shift to the northwest quarter and blow a gale. Storm warnings were hoisted this morning on the northwest coast from the mouth of the Columbia river to the Canadian border.

The Daily Bank Robbery

SEATTLE, Feb. 7.—The First National bank of Poulsbo, Wash., was entered last night by bandits who blew the vault, destroyed 30 safe deposit boxes and escaped with cash, securities and jewelry to an amount estimated at \$30,000, according to information received here today.

Chicago Policemen To Be Waked Up By A Shock in Wrist

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—The old-fashioned policeman who "pulled" a box and then spent an hour napping in some sheltered corner is threatened with a shock—in the wrist. Chicago officials, planning to equip every patrolman with a portable wireless set are considering transmitting their signals by attaching two electrodes to each patrolman's wrist and attracting his attention by passing an electric impulse through his system. Visible or oral signals are unsuited to the needs of the policeman patrolling a beat, the city's wireless experts say. Berlin, Germany, policemen have been equipped with an eight-pound wireless which transmits a shock when headquarters wants a recipient to run to the nearest call box.

NEW POPE IS PRO-FRENCH IN PARIS OPINION

French Newspapers Rejoice at Selection of Pius XI—Election Supported by French Cardinals—Vatican Resumes Brilliance Again

PARIS, Feb. 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—Election of Cardinal Ratti as pope is hailed as good augury for France by the newspapers of all opinions. He is credited with understanding France and the French people and is generally understood to have been supported in the conclave by the French cardinals.

The Figaro emphasizes his action in appearing before the multitude in St. Peter's square and says: "Thus the supreme pontiff, holder of the highest moral authority in the world, announced that he intends to consecrate his efforts to bringing back peace on earth."

Baron Denys Cochin declared to the Excelsior: "The election is admirable; it can and must have the happiest consequences to our country. We are justified in hoping that such a personality will understand and love France and will recognize that the law of separation of 1905 was not directed toward the church."

Charles Maurras, in the royalist newspaper L'Action Francaise, is inclined to be doubtful. Remarking that Pius XI seems to possess all the marks of an Italian patriot, he says: "The Italian patriotism does not always harmonize with Slav patriotism, especially along the Adriatic."

The Petit Parisien, which represents on most occasions the opinion of the average Frenchman, welcomes the new pope, seeing in him an enlightened, up-to-date personality of opinion and liberal views.

Italy Rejoices. ROME, Feb. 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Vatican today began to resume its usual brilliance, eclipsed by the death of Benedict XV, in preparation for the coronation of the new pope, Pius XI on February 12. The pontifical household was being set in order.

All Italy, judging from the messages received at the holy see, seems full of joy that Pius XI sits on the throne of St. Peter. All predict from his first apostolic benediction that the breach between the church and the state will be healed during the present pontificate.

The pontiff's position in this regard, as summed up in a speech which he delivered when installed

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HARDING IS LAUDED BY KING GEORGE

In Opening Parliament Both King George and Premier Pay High Tribute to U. S. President for Achievements of Washington Conference—Irish Questions Worry.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—(By Associated Press.) Prime Minister Lloyd George, speaking at the opening session of the house of commons this afternoon, termed the Washington conference one of the greatest achievements ever registered in the history of the world.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—(By Associated Press.) The imperial parliament which was prorogued December 19 to await action on the Irish treaty by the Dal Eireann was reopened today with the reading of the speech from the throne by King George.

Regarding the Irish treaty, the king said parliament would be called upon to consider "such measures as may be necessary to give effect to the agreement." He also touched upon the negotiations for a pact with France to guarantee action in case of an unprovoked attack by Germany, and paid high tribute to the accomplishment of the Washington conference.

In his speech the king said: "During the last three months the Washington conference on the questions of disarmament and the Far East continued its sessions. A treaty designed to maintain peace in the Pacific has been signed by representatives of the British empire, the United States, France and Japan and awaits ratification."

New Relationships. "While this treaty replaces the Anglo-Japanese alliance I am happy to feel that the long standing concord between the two countries will remain as cordial as ever under the arrangement thus concluded. At the same time our relations with the United States of America enter a new and even closer phase of friendship."

"Agreement also was reached on the question of disarmament, and a treaty has been signed providing a large measure of relief from the burden of armaments. In all these respects great successes have been attained and the success of the conference for which the world will owe a deep debt of gratitude to the initiative of the president of the United States of America will be the happiest augury for future international relations."

German Reparations. "The problem of securing payments of reparations by Germany in the manner most comfortable to the general interest engages the continued consideration of my ministers and of our allies."

"The German government, at the request of the allies, have themselves submitted proposals which are now under consideration. "Discussions recently initiated are now proceeding between my government and France and Belgium with a view to conclusion of agreements for common action in the event of an unprovoked attack by Germany."

"The situation in the Near East continues to engage the anxious attention of my government and it is my earnest hope that the forthcoming allied discussions in Paris may result in an early solution which will terminate the conflict in a manner honorable to all parties concerned."

Economy Urged. To the house of commons the king said that estimates of service for the coming year would be presented and that every effort would be made to

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\$300,000 CHURCH TO REPLACE HANG OUT OF GYP-THE-BLOOD, N. Y. BOWERY

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Paul Kelly's dive, a notorious den of concentrated vice in the days when the old Bowery was world-famed for its brazen iniquity soon will undergo another metamorphosis.

Gambling joint, saloon, rendezvous of the underworld, hirsute show, pool room and hangout for "Leftie Louie," "Dago" Frank, "Gyp the Hood," and other notorious characters—and finally a rescue mission for human derelicts—Paul Kelly's dive has been all these.

"Now comes the announcement of 'Doctor' John Callahan, 'bishop of the Bowery,' chaplain at the Tomb and

superintendent of the Hadley rescue mission, that a \$300,000 church of all nations will be erected on the site. Where once the human derelicts were enticed behind barred doors of the "dive" by the odor of liquor, the click of the wheel and the laughter of women, he now will enter the place at the invitation to a bit of gospel, the promise of a "feed," a "nop" and breakfast in the morning. The church of all nations will be financed by the New York Society of the Methodist Episcopal church. It will be five stories with chapel, dining rooms, sleeping rooms, gymnasium and libraries.

BIG TELEPHONE MERGER IN OREGON, WASHINGTON, IDAHO IS REQUESTED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The Northwestern Long Distance Telephone company and the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company applied to the inter-state commission today for permission to consolidate their lines in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The proposed agreement between the two companies provides for lease of the Northwestern plant to the Pacific corporation for fifteen years at an annual rental of \$34,750. If, during the term of the lease either company desires to complete the consolidation, the Pacific company agrees to pay \$250,000 to the Northwestern and to cancel an indebtedness of \$295,000 which it holds against the Northwestern company. The Northwestern company has been unable to maintain its earnings in a competitive relationship with the Pacific company, the application asserts, adding that the consolidation would add to the efficiency of long distance service.