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The Weather

Maximum yesterday	47
Minimum today	31
Precipitation	.40
Snow	2 1/2 inches

FIND MABEL'S LETTERS IN LOVER'S BOOT

Mysterious Missives Located in Taylor's Boat Gear On Second Floor of Murder House—Dist. Atty. Woolwine Abandons Obenchain Case to Take Up Mystery.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—The camera of the district attorney's office was turned toward Hollywood to day to imprint all the information that can be obtained from noted actresses, producers, directors and others in order to find a solution of the mystery drama of the death a week ago last night of William Desmond Taylor, noted director, (formerly known as William Cunningham Deane-Tanner, who was killed by a pistol bullet in his home.

District Attorney Thomas Leo Woolwine, it was announced, turned the case of Mrs. Madalynne Obenchain, on trial for murder, over to his chief deputy, and devoted his attention to the motion picture colony murder. Complex angles of acts that



Mabel Normand

occurred since the murder which investigators say give strong indications of connection with the murder itself were placed under exhaustive scrutiny. They include recovery of a packet of letters, including some written by Mabel Normand, actress, and last person known to the police to have been with Taylor just prior to his death. This packet was found late yesterday at the murder house in a box in a closet on the floor above that in which the murder was committed. It has been sought six days. According to Mabel Normand, Taylor kept these letters in a drawer of his desk on the lower floor.

It was announced at the district attorney's office that these letters would not be made public at this time. The centralized investigation will be carried on as follows:

Questioning of several wealthy and influential producers, one of whom had been questioned before in the case.

Questioning of a number of film directors, two of whom have been examined by the police.

Questioning of at least four motion picture actresses in an effort to develop further information concerning theory of a woman being the motive for the slaying.

Questioning of two men not connected with the case.

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SEC'Y DENBY ORDERS U. S. ORDINANCE WORK STOPPED AS RESULT CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Orders have been issued by Secretary Denby for the suspension of all ordinance work designed for the vessels affected by the naval limitation treaty signed at the Washington arms conference.

The effect of the orders, it was said at the department, would be to lay off temporarily those employees who have been engaged on such work.

The yards covered by the order were those at New York, Philadelphia, Norfolk, Va., South Charleston, W. Va., Mare Island, Cal., and possibly Boston.

Godson of Jefferson Davis Purchaser of M. Theresa's Pearls

PARIS, Feb. 9.—(By Associated Press.) The celebrated pearl necklace which once belonged to Marie Theresa, queen of Hungary, and which has been on display here has been bought by Jefferson Davis Cohn of England for 200,000 pounds sterling.

Former Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary pawned the necklace in Switzerland preparatory to leaving the country by air plane in his last attempt to regain his throne.

Jefferson Davis Cohn is a godson of the Jefferson Davis who was president of the Confederate States of America.

FRIENDSHIP WITH JAPS RESTS ON HALTING INFLUX

No Friendly Relations With Japan Possible Unless Immigration Is Stopped—House Committee Told By V. S. McClatchey.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—If friendly relations with Japan are to be maintained the United States government must effectively stop the continued admission of Japanese and the rapid increase of Japanese population in the Sacramento, Cal., Bee, declared to a statement today before the house immigration committee.

Vigilant federal action along the lines approved by the California legislature in its memorial to congress last year, Mr. McClatchey declared the "gentlemen's agreement" between this country and Japan "should be cancelled as failing to carry out the purposes for which it was made, and this country should, by treaty or proper legislation, accomplish the intent of that agreement as clearly set out by President Roosevelt, under whom it was made."

Although immigration from other countries has been sharply curtailed under the immigration act, Mr. McClatchey said, approximately 6500 Japanese have been permitted to come into the United States under the agreement since that legislation went into effect.

While the immigration of Japanese "picture brides" has been stopped, in defiance of public protest, he said, there now are coming to this country "in still greater numbers" what he described as "excursion brides." These, he declared, are "girls who begot many children in order that the Tomato race may be permanently established on this continent."

Mr. McClatchey asserted that the Japanese in this country were "maintaining here a government within a government most dangerous to American institutions."

The citizenship of those born here is being "utilized largely for purposes of Japan," he declared, adding that of 90,000 claiming rights of American citizens by registration up to last year only 73 had applied for expatriation from Japan and only 64 had been granted it.

Mr. McClatchey declared the last census enumeration of Japanese in California was many thousands short even of the acknowledged incomplete returns secured by the Japanese under order of the Japanese government.

"They are increasing by reproduction," he said, "ten times as fast as the whites."

Asserting it was made clear beyond

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FEAR CIVIL WAR AGAIN IN IRELAND

Additional Kidnappings Reported in County Fermanagh—Ulster Frontier a Line of Steel—Irish Republicans Blame Orangemen for Situation—High Tension.

BELFAST, Feb. 9.—(By Associated Press.) Additional kidnappings occurred today in County Fermanagh, one of the counties in which yesterday's raids were carried out. Four class "B" special constables were kidnapped in the Rosslea district. They were taken in the direction of Bally Bay where it is believed other prisoners are being kept.

CORK, Feb. 9.—The striking railwaymen at a mass meeting last night decided to postpone until Friday their announced plan of taking over the railway lines and operating them themselves.

Orangemen Blamed DUBLIN, Feb. 9.—(By Associated Press.) Owen O'Duffy, chief of staff of the Irish republican army has issued this statement:

"That there should be spontaneous and determined action in Ulster is not surprising. The patience of our people there has been sorely tried lately by continued raids, arrests and tortures inflicted upon them by agents of the northern government.

"The majority of those in prison in Belfast and Derry are suffering because they carried out my orders while I was Ulster officer, to protect the lives and property of Catholic civilians from the ravages of Orange mobs when those who are entrusted with law and order refuse to give protection."

The statement concludes: "Let the northern government immediately release our prisoners. We have shown by our actions our desire to have peace; let the north show by similar actions that they desire to have peace. Granted this, none will believe there would be difficulty in finding a common ground."

Frontier Line of Steel BELFAST, Feb. 9.—(By Associated Press.) Ulster's frontier was virtually a line of steel today, following the raids yesterday in which many unionists were kidnapped. From Portadown, county Armagh, to Belleek, on the Fermanagh-Donegal border, forces of "specials" were on guard, as well as heavy contingents of the regular constabulary.

It was estimated that five thousand men were engaged in policing the line. The forces began to move toward the border yesterday. The roads leading southward from Belfast today presented scenes of activity, motor trucks and armored cars bearing the so-called "A" and "B" specials. Accompanying them were other trucks with stores and ammunition.

High tension prevails at all points. Strangers traveling through the six counties are subject to the closest scrutiny and in some cases are halted and interrogated.

No communication was possible with Enniskillen today in consequence of the wires from this city being cut.

Colonel Wyckham, commanding the Ulster specials, has received a communication from Dublin castle stating that the provisional government is sending special officers to investigate the kidnapping.

Communications Broken Telephone and telegraph communication still was uncertain but a county inspector of police who returned today from a tour of the lines said no reprisals had been attempted overnight by the unionists.

A British regiment, transferred from Free State territory is due to reach Enniskillen within a few days.

A police officer who made a tour of the border during the night said today:

"The police arrangements are now as complete as they can be made to insure immunity from invasion. It is unlikely that rebel forces will ever again attempt to raid the border. If they do happen to penetrate to this side they certainly will not find it easy to get back."

BELFAST, Feb. 9.—(By Associated Press.) Major Miles of South Donegal one of the prisoners taken by the raiders of northern Irish counties yesterday returned to his home today. Others from the same area are reported to have been released.

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Winner of Edison Quiz Wins Daughter-in-Law of Wizard



The only man who answered all the questions correctly and was rated AA by the Wizard himself was Samuel A. Halsey who is now making good at the Edison Industries. He also won the heart of Miss Charlotte W. Hawkins, sister of Mrs. Charles A. Edison, wife of the Wizard's son. The wedding will take place at Orange, N. J.

RUSSIAN HELD TO GRAND JURY IN HUBER CASE

William Miller, who claims to be a Russian and who was arrested several days ago on the suspicion that he was one of the men who robbed the Huber tailor shop on January 30, was bound over to the grand jury this morning on \$2,000 bail. The hearing took place at 10 o'clock this morning in Justice Taylor's court.

The state witnesses numbered four, three of whom were in the vicinity of the tailor shop at the time of the robbery. Jean Watkins, Union Oil employee, was the first to testify. He described the man supposed to have been the burglar who made his escape by breaking the glass in the front of the shop and outlined the circumstances of the getaway. F. J. Huber, proprietor of the shop testified to the nature and value of the goods stolen. Mrs. Horace Bromley, who was sitting in her car in front of the shop at the time of the robbery testified that the defendant gave the general appearance of the man who made his exit through the glass. O. L. Davidson, who was at the corner of Elm and Main at the time of the robbery, testified that he heard the crash of the glass and testified also to the similarity in general appearance and carriage between the robber and the defendant.

Special State Attorney George Codding, represented the state and attorney B. F. Linder represented the defense. The defendant offered no testimony.

Alaska Celebrates Completion of R. R.

NENANA, Alaska, Feb. 9.—Completion of the Riley Creek steel viaduct at Mile 347 made possible the first through train from Seward to Nenana on the government railroad line Saturday which inaugurated twice a week service without transfer between the coast and the interior.

A typical Alaska celebration was staged here upon the arrival of the train. Although through freight traffic has not yet been inaugurated, completion of the railroad is said to have caused material reduction in prices of commodities generally and to have revolutionized business methods to the benefit of interior points. Traffic between the coast and the interior is said to be increasing rapidly.

KLAMATH FALLS MAN IS KILLED BY AUTOMOBILE

KLAMATH FALLS, Feb. 9.—Struck by an automobile as he attempted to cross Main street at 6 o'clock Tuesday night, S. W. Turner, 62, proprietor of the Turner apartment here, died in a hospital two hours later.

Man's Life Saved BY GRATEFUL DOG

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—Three weeks ago Peter Ribik, unemployed, was wandering the streets when he struck up a friendship with a Great Dane. Ribik, weak from the lack of food, fell in a busy street yesterday and the dog, halting traffic, stood guard over the man, protecting him from passing trucks and wagons. The dog also kept pedestrians at bay until a patrolman coaxed him from his post with a piece of meat. Ribik was revived.

Farm Bloc Wins a Sweeping Victory On Marketing Bill

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Passage by the senate of the house co-operative marketing bill by a vote of 58 to 1, was viewed by many today as the most sweeping victory yet attained by the farm bloc.

Before passing, late yesterday the house measure which relieves the farmers' co-operative associations from the application of laws prohibiting trusts and unfair business practice and places authority to determine when such acts have been committed with the secretary of agriculture, the senate rejected by a vote of 54 to 6 the bill reported by its own judiciary committee which would have held the associations amenable to present laws.

4 ON TRANSPORT LOST; FOUL PLAY IS SUSPECTED

Burning of 'Northern Pacific' Believed Not Accidental—Secrecy Sworn Upon Crew By Captain—Survivors Arrive Hampton Roads.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—An investigation of the origin and circumstances accompanying the fire which yesterday destroyed the former army transport Northern Pacific off the New Jersey coast was said today to have been instituted by the government.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Feb. 9.—(By Associated Press.) Survivors of the transport Northern Pacific which was burned at sea yesterday with a loss of four lives, are not convinced that the burning of the ship was wholly accidental.

While neither Captain William Lusti who was in command, nor any member of the crew would make a formal statement concerning the fire, some of the latter declared they suspected foul play. Relief was expressed among the survivors that the fire was the result of some activity on board the vessel before she left her berth at Brooklyn.

Captain Lusti is said to have warned his men that the shipping board orders prohibit their telling anything of the accident.

When Captain Lusti was asked today concerning reports that the ship might have been "fixed" by someone before she left her berth, he quickly demanded to know the origin of the report.

On being told that it could not be traced to its source, he declared he must decline to answer any and all questions.

Captain Lusti said he was not aware the shipping board had ruled that the ship was regarded as the property of the charterers or operators. The ship was insured to the account of the charterers but was not to be finally delivered, it was understood here, until reconditioning was completed.

Captain Lusti's confidential report on the ship was in the course of preparation today. The statement is a lengthy one and goes into details.

A conference between Captain Lusti, shipping officials of this district, officers of the Barbour Steamship company and officials of the Admiral line will be held here today.

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HOOVER WILL EXPOSE FAKE RED RELIEF

Secy. of Commerce to Lay Bare Russian Plot to Advance Soviet Propaganda Under Guise of Famine Relief—Dept. of Justice Gets Busy—To Name Imposters.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Secretary Hoover was understood today to have submitted to President Harding a report on the activities of certain Russia famine relief organizations in this country and their supposed connection with the Russian soviet government.

The report was understood to be the result of an extensive investigation by Mr. Hoover into the operation of a number of Russian relief societies operating independent of the American relief administration and its allied organizations. It was said to detail for the president's information, the names of certain organizations which were not regarded as being directly interested in famine relief in Russia so much as in aiding the soviet authorities by their functions.

President Harding is expected to make public the report in order to inform the country as to the reliability of various organizations soliciting funds for famine relief in Russia.

BERNIE WEFERS, JR. BEATEN BY COP

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Bob McAlister, the New York policeman, today holds the Metropolitan A. A. 1-100 yards championship by virtue of his victory over Bernie Wefers, Jr., at last night's Samarra A. A. game. McAlister made the 100 yards in 16 seconds flat, one-fifth of a second slower than the world's indoor record.

CRAP GAME CLEARS OUT HOTEL WAITERS

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 9.—Diners at one of the large downtown hotels waited impatiently and loudly demanded service last night while the management started a city-wide search for a crew of missing waiters.

The search ended at police headquarters. Thirty-five of them, negroes had been arrested in a crap game in a nearby house. A call to police headquarters brought the waiters, racing back through the downtown section on foot.

Charge G. O. P. Leader In Dummy Note Deal

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Assertion that William Boyce Thompson, of the national republican organization had borrowed \$5,000,000 from the New York federal reserve bank on a "dummy note" was made by Senator Griffin, democrat, Alabama, in the senate during an attack on the federal reserve board.

THINK MAN WHO COMMITTED SUICIDE IN SAN DIEGO MAY HAVE BEEN SANDS

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 9.—Belief that a man known both as William Koegel and James Martin, and who committed suicide here last Saturday night or Sunday is Edward F. Sands, sought in connection with the murder of William Desmond Taylor, was expressed today by Coroner S. C. Kelly.

According to Koegel's description of Martin or Koegel fits perfectly that of Sands as sent out by the Los Angeles police. Martin is believed to have come to San Diego last Saturday from Los Angeles. He registered at a local hotel that night under the name of Martin and on Monday afternoon was found dead in his room, with a bullet wound in his heart. Papers found among his effects showed that he had an account with the Ballman bank in Los Angeles under the name of Koegel. Coroner Kelly communicated his belief to the police that the man was Sands. An investigation is being made.