

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

The Weather
Maximum yesterday 46
Minimum today 31
Precipitation .01

Predictions
Fair.

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MARY FLIES TO DEFENSE BILL TAYLOR

Mary Miles Minter Repudiates Those Who Would Besmirch Reputation of Slain Director—His Friendship Was Uplifting and Aid Invaluable—Ready to Sacrifice Anything

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 13.—Mary Miles Minter, motion picture actress, issued a statement here today through her attorneys declaring she had told investigators "all that she knew," of the life of William D. Taylor, motion picture director, slain mysteriously twelve days ago.

She said she could not conceive how any person could voluntarily wrong Taylor.



"Mr. Taylor was one of my best friends. His death was a great shock to me. I met Mr. Taylor first in 1919 when he became my director. I was then 17 years of age and his inspiration, his unfailing courtesy and consideration not only to me but to all with whom he came in contact, immediately won my highest admiration.

Defends His Name
"From 1919 until the day of his death Mr. Taylor was to me the symbol of honor and manliness, an inspiration, friend, guide and counselor—the symbol of all a girl admires in a man.

"His friendship was uplifting and his advice and aid were invaluable. It would be nothing less than veritable ingratitude if I did not, now that he is dead, raise my voice to proclaim what he was and to repudiate those who would besmirch his character.

"I have told the authorities all that I know both of his life here and in the east. That I fear, has been of little aid to them.

"I cannot conceive the character of a person who would voluntarily wrong Mr. Taylor or cause his death."

Mabel Consoles Folks
NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—Mabel Normand is not worrying about her connection with the William D. Taylor murder investigation and she is not letting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. (Continued on Page six.)

Smoking By Co-Eds Called 'Vile,' 'Nasty'; No Use to Forbid

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—Smoking by girls, is a vile, nasty fad which should be prohibited in every university, the deans of women at Chicago and Northwestern universities said today when informed of a statement by a Columbia university student that smoking was banned in the graduate teachers' college there only because it made the rooms so stuffy.

BORAH OPPOSES BONUS FOR VETS IN GOOD HEALTH

Might Embarrass Wounded and Disabled in Receiving Care—Decision Up to President—May Use Bonds Instead of Taxes to Finance.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—The soldiers' bonus question was brought before the senate today by Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, who suggested that requests by former service men who are not impaired physically or mentally as a result of their war service, might embarrass the government in taking care of the wounded and disabled.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Conferees between republicans of the house ways and means committee and the senate finance committee on the pending today pending a decision from President Harding on a proposal to finance the cash feature of the bonus by means of bonds instead of taxes.

I. W. W. ORATOR CURBED AFTER 3 ATTEMPTS

ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 13.—Elmer Smith, Centralia I. W. W. orator, made three unsuccessful efforts to address crowds here today the third attempt resulting in his arrest upon order of Mayor Hatley, who forbade the meetings. Smith's trial for disobeying the proclamation of the mayor restraining him from speaking, has been set for Saturday afternoon at two o'clock.

MEXICAN REVOLUTIONISTS BREAK OUT AT LAST; 'DEATH TO MUGICA!' BATTLE CRY

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 13.—(By Associated Press.) The municipal president of Patzcuaro, Michoacan, with 39 followers, has revolted against the state government. No casualties have been reported although the revolutionists began their movement with cries of "death to Mugica."

SITUATION IN IRELAND IS CRITICAL

Clash On Ulster Border in Which Sinn Fein Leader Is Killed, Raises Tension to Breaking Point—Griffith and Collins Struggling Desperately to Avoid Civil War.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—Michael Collins, head of the Irish provisional government has sent a cablegram warning the American Association for recognition of the Irish republic not to assist or to countenance a coup d'etat which he declared was being planned against the Irish provisional government, says a Dublin dispatch to the London Press association.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—(By Associated Press.) The situation in Ireland which had seemed to be improving under the apparent efforts of Arthur Griffith and Michael Collins to obtain the release of the kidnapped Ulster men, has become acutely dangerous as the result of the Clones affray on Saturday.

There is some conflict in the accounts of how the shooting was precipitated. Irish republican army men at Clones and their sympathizers take the stand that armed and uniformed Ulster men had no right to enter Freestate territory and subjected themselves to arrest by so doing. It is pointed out that the Gaelic football players now in the Derry jail were arrested for a similar reason by the Ulsterites.

The account of the shooting from the same source is that Fitzpatrick approached the Ulster constables and ordered them to raise their hands, promising no violence if they surrendered. The only reply to this demand, it is said, was the shooting and killing of Fitzpatrick and then the republican army men fired.

Against this, it is maintained, by the republican army supporters, that knowing the state of tension on the frontier, the Belfast authorities should have ordered the police to detain on reaching the border.

Regarding the kidnapped Ulster men, the Times' Dublin correspondent reiterates that the provisional government is doing its utmost to procure their release but says it seems to have met with flat defiance from the Irish republican army in county Monaghan, which will only agree to exchange these unionists for the football players in Derry.

BELFAST, Feb. 13.—A gang entered the saloon of Patrick Lamb on York street here at noon today and attempted to hold him up. Lamb resisted and was shot and killed. About the same time a bartender in a neighboring saloon was shot and badly wounded.



ST. GAUDENS STATUE OF LINCOLN Declared by Robert Todd Lincoln to be the best likeness of his father.

DENBY STARTS SLASHING ON NAVY ESTIMATE AND FORDS TOLD

Secy. of Navy Asks for Less Money, Urges Reduction in Numers Annapolis Shows How Conference Delivered Goods.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Secretary Denby appeared before the house naval committee today to recommend that the navy personnel for the next fiscal year be fixed at 30,000 men and 6,000 apprentices as compared with 100,000 men and 6,000 apprentices now authorized.

Mr. Denby recommended that there be no reduction in the existing strength of line officers of the navy; that the first class at Annapolis be graduated and commissioned but that appointments to the academy hereafter be reduced to three for each member of congress instead of five.

When the conference opened, Mr. Denby said, the United States had 46 battleships, 33 cruisers, 317 destroyers, 148 submarines, 197 auxiliary and 164 "mosquito fleet" vessels.

Mr. Denby described the status of the fleet in commission today, showing that battleships carry about 84 per cent complement, destroyers from 50 to 80 per cent and submarines from 40 per cent up.

Robbers Hold Up St. Louis Hotel for \$100,000 Valuables

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 13.—Jewelry estimated by the hotel management to be valued at \$100,000 was obtained by bandits who early today looted safety deposit boxes at the Washington hotel. It A. Crofton, night clerk, was compelled at the point of a gun to open the safe. The jewelry was the property of guests.

OIL WIZARD OF 'BUBBLY CREEK' IN HOT WATER

Raymond Bischoff Short \$4,500,000, But Doubtful if Law Can Catch Him—Easy Money for a While—Loan of \$260 Started Plunge.

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—Raymond Bischoff, under detention in connection with an admitted shortage of \$4,500,000 as a result of financial dealings with approximately 6,000 residents of the Chicago "back of the yards" district, blamed a lucky deal with a friend's \$260 for the continued transactions which have involved him so heavily.

"A friend begged me to play the market with his money, saying his creditors were pushing him," Bischoff was quoted as having said. "I consented, doubling his money in a week. He told all his friends and I was immediately bedegged with similar requests. That was the beginning of it."

Bischoff gave promissory notes for the money invested with him, the attorney said, adding, "a man can't be imprisoned for non-payment of promissory notes if he hasn't the money."

Mr. Bischoff's attorney maintains that the 25-year-old "Wizard of Bubbly Creek" has violated no law in his dealings, despite the shortage of millions.

January Exports Hit Cellular. WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Exports in January aggregated \$279,000,000, the lowest in seven months and amounted to a decrease of about \$15,000,000 from the month of December.

"SOUND THE ALARM!" CRIES W. C. T. U. LEADER; PROHIBITION IS NOT A FAILURE

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—The Women's Christian Temperance Union today made public a statement in which they said they would meet the publicity being sent out by opponents of the prohibition amendment with publicity of their own and made public their first effort which appears in the "Lincoln edition" of the Union Signal, the official publication edited by Miss Anna Gordon.

'UNCLE JOE' TO QUIT POLITICS

Oldest Member of House Will Not Be Candidate—Years Demand Rest—Serving His 23rd Term—Colleagues Pay Tribute—Eleven Words Announce Retirement.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—"Uncle Joe" Cannon, oldest member of the house, announced he would not be a candidate for re-election as representative from the eighteenth Illinois district.

The former speaker announced his intention to retire from politics in an eleven word statement which read: "I am not a candidate for election to the 68th district."

The Illinois representative, one of the most picturesque and widely known figures in congress will be 80 years old next May 7. He is serving his twenty-third term.

FEDERAL JUDGE WILL NOT RESIGN

OKMULGEE, Okla., Feb. 13.—Petitions demanding the resignation of superior Judge H. H. Christopher, following his dismissal of a grand jury Thursday before it had completed its investigation into affairs of the defunct Bank of Commerce were being circulated today.

GENOA CONFAB ASKED TO BE POSTPONED

LONDON, Feb. 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—Postponement of the Genoa conference for three weeks is asked in a note handed to the Italian foreign office today by the minister of Czecho-Slovakia, acting on behalf of the states created from former Austrian territory, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Rome.

Wanted, —A Fire Like This One in Medford

WHITTIER, Cal., Feb. 13.—A pillar of flame more than 400 feet high shot into the air early today and continued as a spectacular fire when a gas well at Santa Fe Springs near here became ignited through friction.