

The Weather
Maximum yesterday—41
Minimum today—32
Precipitation—.12
Snow—1/4 inch

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Predictions
Fair.

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M. NORMAND NEAR DEATH SAYS DOCTOR

Nervous Collapse Followed By Severe Attack of Flu, Makes Film Star's Condition Critical—Some Improvement Today—Parents Arrive From East.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 24.—Miss Mabel Normand, reported seriously ill with influenza at her temporary retreat in Altadena, was said to be improving today. Her secretary told inquirers that while Miss Normand was seriously ill, it is thought now her recovery is almost certain. The same information was given out by officials of the studio by which she has been employed recently.



Mabel Normand.

Condition Critical. LOS ANGELES, Feb. 24.—The condition of Mabel Normand, film actress, reported critically ill by her physician last night, remained unchanged this morning, according to the most reliable information obtained here.

Nervous Collapse. Miss Norman suffered a nervous collapse, according to her physician, the result of continued depression over the tragedy in which she had played one of the leading roles.

Although Miss Normand's physician refused to be quoted other than saying that Miss Normand was seriously ill with influenza, friends of the actress were said to have declared that for a period of 32 hours yesterday the actress suffered partial loss

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Dick Croker Foils Grim Reaper, Enters Fight for Treaty



Dick Croker

DUBLIN, Feb. 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Richard Croker, the former Tammany leader, who has just recovered from a serious illness declared in an interview in the Freeman's Journal that 98 per cent of the people in America are in favor of the Irish treaty. He himself believed that Ireland has gained practically everything fought for in the past 700 years.

ROOMING HOUSE IS RAIDED BY DRY SLEUTHS

Mrs. Flora Manning Fined \$500 and George Miller Gets 20 Days in Jail and \$250 Fine After Pleading Guilty.

Mrs. Flora Manning, proprietress of the Park Rooms, and George Miller, an employe of Mrs. Manning, pleaded guilty this morning in Justice Taylor's court to charges of possessing intoxicating liquor. Miller was sentenced to 20 days in the county jail and was fined \$250. Mrs. Manning was not given a jail sentence, but was fined \$500, which is the maximum for the first offense. The court granted Mrs. Manning until Monday to secure the money.

Mexican Hanged. SAN QUENTIN, Cal., Feb. 24.—Louis Guillen, a Mexican, was hanged at the state prison here today for the murder of two deputy sheriffs in Riverside county last November. The trap was dropped at 10:10 a. m.

As the humming bird moth works at night, it is rarely seen.

TRUE STORY FILM CRIME COMING OUT

Tale of Detroit Prisoner Being Corroborated in Many Details—Drug Ring Believed at Bottom of Plot—Sheriff Declares Conspiracy Details Very Plausible.

DETROIT, Feb. 24.—A motion picture actress who ranks high in the profession was one of the four persons who plotted the murder of William Desmond Taylor, film director, according to the story of Harry M. Fields, under arrest here, Sheriff Irving J. Coffin of Wayne county, announced late today. The sheriff withheld the woman's identity.

DETROIT, Feb. 24.—Fresh details of the alleged conspiracy which brought about the killing of William Desmond Taylor as given today by Harry M. Fields, a forger prisoner in the county jail were declared by Sheriff Coffin to be "very plausible."

Los Angeles Police Skeptical. LOS ANGELES, Feb. 24.—Dilettante in the story of the murder of William Desmond Taylor related in Detroit within the last three days by Harry M. Fields in custody there, was expressed early today by Los Angeles officials investigating the case.

Chink Identified. This latter was pointed to as possible partial proof of Fields' statement that the film director was killed because of his alleged interference with the drug traffic.

The officers learned also that a Chinese named Wong Lee—the name Fields said was borne by the Chinese in the alleged murder party—had left Los Angeles Chinatown three days ago when it was first intimated Fields might have important information concerning the Chinese. The police said however they had nothing to connect Wong Lee with the Taylor murder and recalled that Fields had said the Chinese in this party went east with him.

SEATTLE, Feb. 24.—Harry N. Fields, under arrest in Detroit in connection with the slaying of William Desmond Taylor, formerly conducted a laundry and dye business here and has a divorced wife and two children still living here, according to Detective Harry M. Barton of the Seattle police force, who claims to know Fields well. Barton said today he had recently received a letter from Fields stating his intention to go to Detroit.

Fields first came to the attention of the police here when he was arrested in a raid on a resort frequented by drug addicts in September, 1914, police said.

According to authorities here he was arrested in April of the following year on a charge of first degree forgery, released on bail, jumped his bond and was arrested later in Omaha, brought to Seattle and sentenced from six months to twenty years at the Monroe reformatory. After his release he was said to have gone to California.

Famous Lawyer Dies. LOS ANGELES, Feb. 23.—Earl Rogers, once known as one of the great criminal lawyers of the west, dropped dead yesterday in a hotel room. The body was found by a business associate.

Kills Husband Because He Bootlegs



Mrs. Julia Johnstone and her mother, Mrs. Ellen Richardson. Mrs. Johnstone is on trial in Los Angeles on charges of killing her husband. She claims that her husband was bootlegging and had a still in the cellar of their home. Fearing the moral effect on their young daughter, Mrs. Johnstone pleaded with her husband to quit his unlawful business.

M'ADOO FAVORS HIGH STANDARD IN LAW CIRCLES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The national conference of Bar associations today adopted resolutions recently approved by the American Bar association recommending that in the future two years college training shall be required of all law school graduates before admission to the bar.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Lawyers who have won distinction and a high place at the bar through native ability and industry and who have not had a college education, may be expected naturally to offer with a certain measure of hesitancy their approval of the "exacting standard which the American Bar seeks to impose" upon future members of the profession, William G. McAdoo of New York declared today before the national conference of Bar associations.

Mr. McAdoo declared the value of highest moral and ethical standards could not be overestimated when the responsibility of the lawyer was so grave and the function he performs is so vital to the interest of the client. Such responsibilities, he added, make it necessary that professional education be the highest standard.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The system by which a young man learned law in a law office has been dead for decades, despite the illusion which still exists, William Draper Lewis, former dean of the University of Pennsylvania school of law, declared today in an address before the conference of Bar associations. The illusion, he added, is one of those things that impede legal educational progress.

THROW LIVE SNAKE FLOOR JAP DIET. TOKIO, Feb. 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—An attempt to fix the blame for the throwing of a live snake on the floor of the diet yesterday resulted in an uproar in the lower house today, causing a temporary suspension of the session shortly after the resumption of debate on the universal suffrage bill.

Prisoner at Eugene Commits Suicide. EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 24.—Ben F. Chambers, aged 35, indicted on a statutory charge shot himself to death with a bullet through the head at his home here today, according to the police. Chambers, a railroad brakeman, was arrested Tuesday at Corvallis and was released on \$2000 bail.

Zey Prevost, Missing Witness in Arbuckle Case, Found at Last

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.—Zey Prevost, show girl and one of the principal prosecution witnesses in the manslaughter case of Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle, after having disappeared three weeks ago, according to a telegram received by Chief of Police Samuel O'Brien today from Chief of Police Guy Maloney of the southern city, O'Brien conferred later with District Attorney Brady regarding the measure to be taken to bring Miss Prevost back to this city for Arbuckle's third trial which is scheduled to start March 13.

ENTIRE FAMILY SANTA BARBARA KILLED BY GAS

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gray, Two Children and Nurse Lose Lives From Fumes of Coil Gas Water Heater in the Kitchen of Their Home.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Feb. 24.—Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Gray, their two children, a boy of six and a girl of three, besides a nurse, Miss Lillian Spencer, were killed today by inhaling carbon monoxide gas which filled the Gray home here from a gas water heater.

Rushing in, he found Mrs. Gray and her little daughter dead in one room and Gray and his little son dead in another room and the nurse unconscious, seated in a chair, in the living room. The latter was hurriedly carried to the outside, but died within a few minutes.

SOCIETY BLACKMAIL SUSPECT ARRESTED. WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—George E. Lons, 40, an employe of the bureau of insular affairs in the war department was arrested today and held for investigation by department of justice agents in connection with the sending during the last few weeks of letters to prominent Washingtonians demanding large sums of money. Threats of death were made in case the money was not forthcoming.

Boy Who Eloped With Stepmother Refused Admission to U. S. A. ST. JOHN, N. B., Feb. 26.—Frederick Brooks, 20, who eloped with his stepmother from Bangor, Maine to McAdam, N. B., has brought his bride to St. John. She is more than twice his age. After the elopement they tried to return to Bangor but were refused admission to the United States by the immigration authorities.

MOTHER OF FIVE DEAD CHILDREN EXONERATED BY CORONER'S JURY. CHEHALIS, Wash., Feb. 24.—The coroner's jury that heard the inquest into the death of five children in the family of Ed Rhodes of Klaber today made public an official statement exonerating Mrs. Rhodes from all blame. The children died shortly after their mother gave them salts in a glass of water. The statement, supplementary to the verdict of the jury which placed no definite blame for the deaths but found the children died from poisoning, reads as follows:

"We the undersigned jurymen, having listened the greater part of a day to the testimony of the parents, the grandparents, neighbors and friends of the children recently poisoned in Lewis county and other witnesses recently called from outside the county, including the manager of the wholesale grocery company in which the epsom salts were packed and having had ample opportunity to observe the conduct and demeanor of Mrs. Bessie Rhodes, the mother, and to hear her testimony in full, do hereby express our opinion that there is not the slightest ground or basis for suspicion of her, and that any statements to the contrary are very unjust."

GIRL KILLS SEDUCER IN OPEN COURT

Waco, Texas, Miss, 17 Years Old, Fires Three Shots Into Body of J. S. Crosslin From Witness Stand—Victim Instantly Killed—Charge of Murder Filed at Once.

WACO, Texas, Feb. 24.—Miss Marcine Matthews, 17 years old, shot and killed J. S. Crosslin today during proceedings in the district court here today. He was charged with criminally attacking the girl two years ago.

Complaint has been filed charging Miss Matthews with murder.

OREGON LEGION TO TEST BONUS LAW. SALEM, Ore., Feb. 24.—Another friendly suit to settle certain questions which have arisen in the administration of the state soldier bonus law will be filed by the American Legion according to information today from the state bonus commission.

New Billiard Record Made in California. ALAMEDA, Cal., Feb. 24.—A balk line billiard record of 902 was set up last night by Marl Catton of Alameda, nationally known billiardist, in a regular contest. The former record was held by George Sutton at 793, former national three cushion champion.