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CONTINUE PROBE INTO TAYLOR MURDER

By the Associated Press.
Los Angeles, Feb. 10.—After being pronounced "satisfactory" by the district attorney's investigation into the murder of William Desmond Taylor with the expectation that a number of witnesses would be examined and resumed today.
Twelve persons, both men and women, believed to have information of value to the authorities already have been questioned by District Attorney Woolwine or his assistants.
Rumor has it that Mary Miles Minter, for whom Taylor formerly was a director, was closeted for two hours last Tuesday before Mr. Woolwine took personal charge.
Those who appeared at the district attorney's office, where the investigation has been centralized, includes Charles Epton, general manager of the Famous Players Lasker Studios, where Taylor was under contract for two years.
There has been no intimation as to whom would be summoned before the district attorney, but previous inquiry to the police indicates that among the persons to be summoned are:

Miss Minter, Mabel Normand whose letters to the dead director are now in the possession of the district attorney; Nev. Gerber, said to have been engaged to marry Taylor at one time; Claire Windsor, who had recently dined and motored with him, and Edna Purviance, formerly leading woman for Charles Chaplin, and a neighbor of Taylor, who was said to have telephoned the news of the murder to Miss Normand.
Miss Normand, one of the last persons to see Taylor alive, remained in seclusion at her home today following her illness yesterday. At her home, however, a denial was issued of reports that she had an altercation on the night of Taylor's murder. Her letters were reported cause of the altercation.
Attorneys for Miss Minter declined to comment on her reported visit to the district attorney.

WON'T POSTPONE GENOA CONFERENCE

By the Associated Press.
London, Feb. 10.—Great Britain will agree to no postponement of the Genoa economic conference unless the request emanates from Rome, it was stated here today.
The French ambassador was so informed last evening by Lord Curzon, the foreign minister, in their conversation.
Belief was expressed in a well informed American quarter today that the holding of the conference on the intended date was becoming increasingly doubtful owing to the Italian domestic situation.

HARDING TO PRESENT TREATIES TODAY

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Feb. 10.—President Harding is expected to present in person to the senate today the treaties growing out of the arms conference.
White house officials after a morning of uncertainty as to whether the president would present the treaties today or tomorrow said the president had cancelled two appointments and arranged for a short session of the cabinet.

MR. W. B. WHITE DEAD
Mr. W. B. White, one of the most highly esteemed citizens of West Hickory and a veteran employee of the Piedmont Wagon and Manufacturing company died this afternoon at 12:45 o'clock. Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock from Hooks Chapel.
An uncle about two years ago Mr. White held a position with the Piedmont Wagon and Manufacturing Company and was among the oldest employees in point of service of this concern. He helped build the first wagon that was manufactured there. He is survived by his wife and several children.

PLENTY OF WORK IN CAROLINA SOON

(BY MAX ABERNETHY)
Raleigh, Feb. 10.—The free employment offices in this state are giving the kind of service to North Carolinians by bringing the employer and employe together that the U. S. Employment Service is operated for declared Francis L. Jones, director general, who is spending the week here looking over the unemployment situation in this section.
"Conditions generally in North Carolina are good," Mr. Jones said today, "while this state is not as bad as some others the unemployment situation can be improved upon." The work of the six offices in the state and of the interest taken in them by Commissioner of Labor and Printing M. L. Shipman, dollar-a-day employe of the federal government, was commented upon favorably by Mr. Jones. The latest survey made of the employment situation in North Carolina by the employment service, which was for the month of January, is summarized as follows by Mr. Jones:
"Two hundred and fifty-seven textile mills are now employing 66,592 workers, which is an increase for the month of 184; 41 lumber plants are employing 3,238, an increase of 80; 13 fertilizer plants, employing 488, an increase of 17. Reports from 21 industrial centers in the state generally indicate a satisfactory condition in employment."
No unemployment is reported in industrial lines in Charlotte, High Point, Winston-Salem or Asheville, but all of these cities have a surplus of unskilled laborers, the report shows. Road and street work has contributed to relieve the situation throughout North Carolina in recent months as far east as Wilmington and over the state westward as far as Asheville.
Encouraging reports from all of the cities indicate considerable improvement soon. High Point reports the building of 240 residences during the last 12 months and virtually no housing shortage. Wilmington reports its "housing situation unsatisfactory," but improvement is early spring.

Adjutant General John Van B. Metts announces the appointment by the war department of Capt. Albert R. Ives, of the 17th Field Artillery, to the position of instructor of artillery for the North Carolina national guard.
This gives the North Carolina guard 4 officers and 5 non-commissioned officers as instructors in addition to one medical officer and indicates the growth of the guard in this state since reorganization was undertaken following the world war.

ANOTHER FLOGGED BY TEXARKANA MOB

By the Associated Press.
Texarkana, Tex., Feb. 10.—The second whipping in as many nights occurred here last night, the victim being Lee Higgins, for 15 years an employe of the Missouri Pacific Railway. Higgins was taken from his home to a lonely spot and flogged by a masked band.
His captors told him, he said, he was being punished for alleged attentions to a married woman. He denied the charge.
The victim of Wednesday night's raid was Samuel Kelly.

SITUATION SERIOUS IN ULSTER SECTION

By the Associated Press.
London, Feb. 10.—The situation relating to the kidnapping in Ulster continues to bear a grave aspect. The Northern Irish government had not up to this afternoon received any information of the release of prisoners taken in the recent raids and has no authentic information as to their whereabouts.

COTTON
By the Associated Press.
New York, Feb. 10.—The unsettled labor situation in the New England states, coupled with less favorable political news from India, forced prices off eight to 10 points. In subsequent transaction May and July made net losses of 16 to 18 points.
Open Close
March 16.90 17.12
May 16.63 16.80
July 16.21 16.41
October 15.67 15.82
December 15.57 15.78
Hickory cotton 16 1/2 c.

SAYS FORD OFFER SHOULD BE STUDIED

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Feb. 10.—Resuming his testimony on the Ford offer for outright purchase and lease of 100 years of the government's \$106,000,000 nitrate and water power projects at Muscle Shoals, Ala., Major General Beach, chief of army engineers, reiterated that conditions prevailing in that section of the country might justify the 100 year lease and prove the 50-year time limit suggested by Secretary Weeks not advisable.
The only power dams located in navigable rivers at the present time the general said, were built before the national water power act was passed and they have no time limit whatever. Their rights are in perpetuity.
"In the case of Muscle Shoals," he continued, "it being as large a river as the Tennessee, I would advise a very careful consideration of circumstances to see if they justify an exception to the rule."

HOW ACTORS LIVE IN MOVIE COLONY

Los Angeles, Feb. 10.—The recent murder of William Desmond Taylor widely known motion picture director has caused public attention to turn toward the motion picture colony at Hollywood here, and numerous inquiries about that colony and the life of its people have followed.
Hollywood is the general name assigned to a section of Los Angeles lying about eight miles from the downtown business section.
Many motion picture studios are scattered through Hollywood and thousands of persons from all classes of society are employed at the studios.
Where so many types are gathered there are all variations of character and morality. Some of those who come to lots as humble extras succeed because of some trait of personality in reaching stardom almost before they have become known generally in the industry itself.
Sometimes it is real ability that gives them upward.
Sometimes it is the favor of director or producer; sometimes it is a pair of cross eyes or funny legs or unusual size that produce the needed lift to success.
The Psychology of It.
When people spring from poverty to affluence, often within a few weeks, their mental equipment is not always equal to the strains.
They have money, an unaccustomed toy, and they spend it in bizarre ways.
They may buy automobiles of the usual styles and finishes known in the trade here as "movie trick machines," or they may take to having "wild parties," or they may indulge in other forms of relaxation and excitement.
Many of them spend all they make. One well known male star testified in the divorce court recent that he was getting \$700 a week; he said he had \$700 in bank, \$5 pay day had just passed; that he had three automobiles, an extensive wardrobe and no other assets.
Motion picture people themselves admit that immoral and sometimes perverted persons are to be found in the industry, but they insist that the percentage of these is relatively small and that only their position in the public eyes has made them at all conspicuous.
It is not denied that some producers are connected with the industry, but the producers take the position that these persons are being eliminated as opportunity offers.
Many Live Normally
There are, however, scores and hundreds of motion picture people who live lives in no way dissimilar to those of other American householders. They go to the studios, do their work, return to normal homes and spend their evenings at theatres at home, at clubs, or in ordinary pursuits.
Everybody has heard the query "What's the matter with the movies?" and observers in Los Angeles think they know the answer. In their belief the trouble with the motion picture industry is the presence withing it of a relatively small proportion of people whose senses were clouded by sudden prosperity; the lack of demand on the part of the producers for a standard of morality to be observed by their employes; the lack of thrift and the presence of extravagance; and the fact that character has not been demanded by either producers or public as an element to success.

SCOUT HIKE TO RIVER

Weather permitting, scouts from Hickory Troop No. 1 will spend the week end at the river, working on the cabin. It is nearly completed and is already being used for over night hikes.

DOLLAR STEAMER DAMAGED IN STORM

By the Associated Press.
San Francisco, Feb. 10.—The steamship Bessie Dollar, 790 miles from Cape Slattery, Wash., was badly damaged in a storm, her bridge is gone, the steward killed and the captain injured, according to messages received here today.
Two steamers are reported standing by.

DECIDE WHICH IS TO GO TO SCRAP

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Feb. 10.—Appointment of a special board of naval officers to make a technical study of the battleships West Virginia and Washington to determine which of the two is to be completed under the naval limitations plan was announced today by Secretary Denby.
The board will make a thorough study of the two vessels and then report to the naval secretary, who will decide.

ORGANIZE SECOND SCOUT TROOP HERE

Young Hickory not holding membership in the Boy Scouts of America are expected to be on hand in large numbers at Kwanin hall tonight at 7:30 for the organization of a second troop here with Hazel R. Aiken as scoutmaster. This is the 12 anniversary of the scout movement and it is highly appropriate that it should be observed here with the formation of a second troop.
Claude S. Abernathy and Arthur L. Yester, old hands in the scout game will be on hand to help the youngsters off to a good start. All boys between the ages of 12 and 14 are invited.

PERSONS TO BLAME FOR MUCH LIQUOR

By the Associated Press.
Columbus, O., Feb. 10.—"Apathetic citizens" and "lethargic public" officials are two of the outstanding deficiencies standing in the way of better enforcement of prohibition laws, Maj. Roy M. Haynes, national prohibition commissioner, declared in a statement to the Ohio state dry law convention today.

CHURCH CHAIRMEN ASKED TO REPORT

The chairmen of each church committee for the far east and Jewish famine fund will please report to either John Aiken or J. Tellis Miller Saturday morning and Monday next—E. L. Shuford is out of the city for a few days and Mr. Miller will act for Chairman Shuford during his absence jointly with Mr. Aiken.
The work is progressing fine and there is no question but that Hickory will meet her quota as this was Mr. Alex Shuford's opinion and that of other workers as quoted by Miss Julia Wheeler.

MENTAL ARITHMETIC
"Now, then, Johnny," said his teacher, "if your father gave you seven cents and your mother gave you six and your uncle gave you four more, what would you have?"
Johnny wrinkled up his forehead and went into the silence for the space of several minutes.
"Come, come," said the teacher impatiently. "Surely you can solve a simple little problem like that."
"It ain't a simple problem at all," replied the boy. "I can't make up my mind whether I'd have an ice-cream soda or go to the movies."—New York Sun.

MISS EUGENIA CLARK BRIDE OF REV. JOHN ALLEN MACLEAN
Raleigh, Feb. 10.—Miss Eugenia Graham Clark, of Raleigh, and Rev. John Allen MacLean, pastor of McJannet Presbyterian church, were married last night at 9 o'clock at the First Baptist church.
A reception at the Woman's club following was attended by great numbers of the friends of the family and the couple, Mrs. MacLean is the daughter of Chief Justice Clark.

IRISH WORKMEN SEIZE CORK STATION

By the Associated Press.
Cork, Feb. 10.—Dismissing with the terms of the settlement of the Irish railway strike, a group of railway workmen marched into the Cork station and seized it with all the trains. Up to mid-afternoon no opposition had been offered.
A notice was posted on the doors of the railway men's union calling on its members to mobilize at 1 o'clock this afternoon, proceed by various railroads, take possession and operate trains tomorrow.
The legal rail men refused to accept the decision of the Dublin conference, saying they are dealing direct with the minister of railroads and the managers.

CLONINGER WRITES OF NEWTON CONTEST

D. M. Cloninger, who made the best rating in the examinations for the Newton postoffice, in a letter to the Newton News-Enterprise throws some light on the manner in which the selection was made here that will be of interest to Record readers in view of a situation in Hickory that is unusual. Mr. Cloninger's explanation says:
"So many of my friends are asking me how it happened that I thought perhaps it would not be out of order just to make a statement of the facts and save time.
The first entry, I believe, was Mr. John Caldwell, then Mr. Reinhardt and myself. Mr. Caldwell was selected by the executive committee and I understand obtained the endorsement of a majority.
Mr. Reinhardt was not selected. Cloninger, we are not getting a fair deal, that he thought the committee should meet in regular session with all candidates present and let them select the man for the office. I discussed with Mr. Reinhardt in this because I felt it was a fair proposition. I supported Mr. Reinhardt in his demand for re-consideration by the committee so a date was fixed for this meeting and I was on hand, but for some reason the postoffice matter was not taken up.
Finally after considerable delay and change of dates, the committee met quietly and the first Mr. Caldwell and myself knew of this meeting was several days later when we saw in the paper they had met and Mr. Reinhardt being the only candidate for the office, received the endorsement.
I would have raised a kick then, but in view of Postmaster General Hays' ruling that all endorsees should come after the eligible list had been announced, together with a letter from Chairman Linney to the same effect, I thought best to wait until the proper time, which would be after the eligible list came out. So when it did come out, I was on hand and I had been placed at the head of the list. I wrote our county chairman to know what he was going to do about calling his committee. Up to this writing he has not seen fit to answer my letter. In the meantime I had written to Mr. Morehead and he did me the honor of answering my letter, only to state that as Mr. Reinhardt had the endorsement of the county organization, he had recommended his appointment on January 15th, mark the date, just three days before we received our rating. In all the postoffice proceedings outside of Catawba county that I have kept up with they have always endorsed one of the eligibles. Perhaps this rule will now be changed and they will first endorse a man and then see that he is made eligible. I am not writing this because I am sore, but because our party professes to believe in a square deal, and I would like to see it live up to that profession. You can win once in a while by questionable means but it always costs more than the victory is worth. Some think this might cause me to leave the party. No, I am not built that way and besides, where could one go? This is just a repetition of the stunt pulled off eight years ago, so I guess my task will be to fight crooked methods in my own party. That perhaps will keep me employed for a while.
The Republican party should not try to excel in such methods. The other party has them outclassed.
Mr. Reinhardt had a good claim on the office here, and perhaps may have won in a fair fight. Be that as it may, we feel the victory is not worth the price. In justice to most if not all the ex-commitee, I must guess they do not endorse such methods. We were not given the opportunity of handling the matter in a

TAX OFF CHECKS HOUSE BONUS PROGRAM

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Feb. 10.—Reaching a final agreement on the soldier's bonus tax program, the house ways and means sub-committee decided today against a tax on bank checks. The program was not announced, but with the exception of bank checks, it was said to be the same as that announced last night.
This program included one cent a gallon on gasoline, estimated to yield \$76,690,000.
Twenty-five cent a horse-power on automobiles, \$90,000,000.
A tax on real estate transfers of five cents hundred, \$70,000,000.
Increase documentary stamps with the rate on the transfer of stocks and bonds, one cent, \$60,000,000.
Double the present tax on admissions where the sum exceeds 25 cents, \$20,000,000.
An increase of 50 cents a thousand on cigarettes, \$5,000,000.
An increase of two cents on chewing and smoking tobacco, \$5,000,000.
Members of the committee declined to say what tax if any had been substituted for check stamps, but no increase will be made in first and second class postage rates.
Chairman Fordney said the program agreed upon would be submitted to Republican leaders on the senate finance committee with a view to an agreement between the committees.

DAUGHTER OF SUN DRAWS WELL HERE

The presentation of "A daughter of the Sun," a drama with a Hawaiian setting, at the auditorium last night by M. C. Jenkin's company pleased a fairly large audience and increased the desire to witness a real musical comedy once more. There was nothing short about the play last night, the story had a plot, and actors had good lines. The music, most of it the warm and mellow Hawaiian kind was first class.
W. A. Neville as Col. Richmond Clay, U. S. executive in Honolulu took his part well. Lester Paul as Dr. Ougi Sakura, Japanese scientist and arch plotter against the United States, acted with a fidelity that seemed real. Jack McKenna as Dr. Edward Grant emerged a hero at last and Lon, daughter of the Sun, a part carried by Miss Ernestine DeMello, displayed dramatic art of the highest order. All the central figures knew their lines well, got them off easily and with effect, to the accompaniment most of the time of music was almost haunting.
Everybody was happy at last except the villain, to whom the misdeed sent a sword and even the sophisticated Virgil Lee, from Broadway fit and happiness in the arms of Colonel Clay. The costumes and scenery were pretty and the whole show was appreciated.

NOT ACCEPTED

By the Associated Press.
Rome, Feb. 10.—King Victor Emmanuel has not accepted the resignation of Premier Bonini, presented February 2, it was semi-officially stated today, and the Bonini ministry will be in its place next Thursday when parliament meets.

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MAY BUILD HOTEL

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Feb. 10.—Senator Swanson's bill to authorize a corporation to erect a new hotel on the Fort Monroe, Va., military reservation was ordered favorably reported by the house military committee today.
We are not in favor of a law prohibiting cigarette smoking; there is nothing too much of it being done now.—Kansas City Star.

SUSPECT HELD IN MOVIE MURDER MYSTERY

By the Associated Press.
Topeka, Kans., Feb. 10.—The man held in Shawnee county jail here who was taken off a Sante Fe train Wednesday night answers the description of Walter Sands, secretary of William Desmond Taylor, murdered motion picture director at Los Angeles, Under Sheriff O. W. Carlson declared today. Though the man gave the name of Walter S. Underwood, the name signed to a railroad receipt was that of Walter S. Maddox. While admitting that he knew Taylor and admitting that he had been at his home, he declared he knew nothing of the murder.

Underwood was taken off the train here on receipt of a message that he was wanted at Los Angeles on an embezzlement charge made by the Union Pacific Railway Company. The man admitted he had been an employe of this company for eight months.
Underwood was taken off the train mark of identification given in the description of Sands, even to marks on his checks and left shaver, according to the under-sheriff.
"It was a woman who did it," Underwood declared. "Jalously was the motive." "Yes, I know Taylor," he continued. "I have been at his house several times attending parties." Then he described the parties which he declared were "wild ones" at which liquor and drugs were served.
He said he had seen both Mabel Normand and Mary Miles Minter at Taylor's house, but not at the same time. Underwood said he left Los Angeles Wednesday night at 10 o'clock after the murder had been reported.

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