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BAN ON SHORT STOCKINGS, PAINT AND POWDER

Lonaconing, Md., Feb. 9—Arthur F. Smith, principal of Central High School, has placed a ban on the use of powder and paint by the school girls. Before the school assembly he announced that girls coming to school wearing "rolled hose" or "socks" would be subject to dismissal from school. He added that he only knew two classes that should use paint or powder. Those, he said, were women over fifty years of age or extremely ugly ones.

START TODAY ON TAYLOR PROBE

All Energies Pooled in Effort to Solve Mystery.

Police Still on Outlook for Sands — Second Handkerchief Found After Murder Has Initials "M. M. M."—Mabel Normand's Letters.

Los Angeles, Feb. 9.—The centralized investigation at the district attorney's office of the mysterious death of William Desmond Taylor, was expected to begin today, following the alleged discovery and turning over to that official last night of the missing letters written to the director by Mabel Normand.

As Thomas L. Woolwine, district attorney, is taking personal charge of the trial of Mrs. M. Obechain for the murder of J. B. Kennedy, Wm. C. Doran, his chief deputy, was placed in charge of the inquiry into the Taylor case.

Although verification from him was not obtainable, the Los Angeles Times published today a statement that the Normand letters, with several telegrams, were in the hands of Mr. Doran.

It had been previously announced evidence in the case from all sources, whether gathered by city police, detectives or by deputies of the sheriff, would be turned over to Mr. Doran and all forces, including detectives assigned to the district attorney's office, would pool their energies in trying to solve the mystery.

Miss Normand, who once searched the Taylor apartments for her letters and who is said to be ill as a result of a collapse at the Taylor funeral Tuesday, has been quoted as saying her only desire to regain possession of the letters was founded on a fear that some of the phrases in them would be misunderstood. She said she felt a strong friendship for the director, but there had been no serious love affair between them.

Letter Reported Missing.

Los Angeles, Feb. 9—The reason William Desmond Taylor gave for keeping Mabel Normand's letters was that proverbially attributed to women—"because"—, according to a statement made yesterday by her personal representative, Arthur McArthur.

As to the present whereabouts of these letters, McArthur said, Miss Normand is as much mystified as any person, despite statements by the police that they have been returned to her.

"The last time she saw them they were in the top drawer of a dresser in Taylor's apartments. This was following the burglary at his place and he was showing her about the apartments and describing how they had been ransacked.

Two Handkerchiefs.

A second handkerchief found its way into the investigation when about the same time the detectives said they found the letters, in a book in a closet in the Taylor apartments, Henry Peavy, Taylor's negro houseman, found a handkerchief bearing the initials "M. M. M."

A handkerchief previously reported found near the body shortly after the murder was discovered, but since said to be missing, was alleged to have borne the letter "S."

It is regarded as improbable that a complaint charging murder would be issued until after the whole affair has been presented to the county grand jury, which has not yet been impanelled for 1922.

Meantime, although the sheriff's deputies profess to scout the theory that Edward F. Sands, former butler secretary for Taylor could throw any light on the case, the police detectives remain firm in their announced belief the mystery will not be solved until he had been found.

Taylor's Army Record.

Army records and papers found today prove, according to officials of the Famous Players-Lasky Company, that the film director was at least a lieutenant if not a captain as claimed, in the British forces during the war.

Among the records was a pass of leave from duty in Dunkirk, dated April 4, 1919, naming Taylor at that time as a lieutenant.

An embarkation ticket, bearing the name of Wm. D. Taylor, the officials stated, showed also that he was a lieutenant. It bore the army number F-56979, and the regiment E. F. C., R. A. S. C.

It is further stated Taylor was discharged with the rank of captain. Efforts to trace Taylor's army record are being made in London.

Watch Steamships.

Police authorities here are keeping a close check on steamship passengers leaving this port to frustrate, they said, any attempt on the part of Edward Sands, Taylor's former butler, to escape across the Pacific. Authorities believe he may attempt to get to the Far East by steamer from San Francisco.

There have been no developments in the search for a reputed brother of Sands, reported to have moved from Los Angeles to San Rafael, Calif., recently.

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More Kidnappings Today In County Fermanagh

FOUR SPECIAL CONSTABLES TAKEN IN THE ROSSLEA DISTRICT

Sligo Unionists Return Home But Refuse to Talk—Donegal Men Also Released—5,000 Specials Guard Ulster Frontier—Griffiths and Lloyd George Confer in London—Number Reported Missing Varies.

Belfast, Feb. 9—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 Ballybay, where it is believed other prisoners are being kept.

Troops to Enniskillen.

Belfast, Feb. 9—Telephone and telegraph wires were cut yesterday in the affected districts and communication is still uncertain, but a county inspector of police who returned this morning from a tour of the lines said no reprisals had been attempted over night by the Unionists.

A British regiment, transferred from Free State territory was due to reach Enniskillen within a few days, and it was reported today the transfer would be expedited.

A prominent Ulster police officer who made a tour of the border during the night returned here this morning.

"The police arrangements," this officer stated, "are now as complete as they can be made to insure immunity from invasion.

Government Orders Release.

Enniskillen, Feb. 9—Quiet had been completely restored here today. The roads are being closely patrolled.

The provisional government, it is said, has telegraphed instructions to the commanders of the Irish Republican army to release the prisoners taken during the raids.

Conference in London.

London, Feb. 9—Arthur Griffith, president of the Dail, went to Downing street early today and conferred with Premier Lloyd George and Austen Chamberlain, government leader in the House of Commons, regarding the kidnappings. Later the premier presided at a conference of the cabinet officials.

Mr. Griffith expects to return to Dublin tonight.

Republican Demonstration.

Dublin, Feb 9—A republican demonstration has been called for next Sunday. The speakers will be Eamonn De Valera, Chas. Burgess and Austin Stack. The notice summoning the meeting says:

"It is evident from Premier Lloyd George's speech before the house of commons that his policy is to trick the Irish again and to deal with Arthur Griffith and Michael Collins as he dealt with John Redmond and John Dillon."

Ask Military Aid.

Belfast, Feb. 9.—The northern government yesterday was unable to obtain help from the military to deal with the kidnappings, its sole reliance being special constabulary drafted from various points to cope with the situation.

Sir Dawson Bales, the Ulster home secretary, sent a message to Viscount Fitzalan, the former viceroy, asking him to take appropriate steps to prevent a recurrence of the raids.

Sir Josyln Gore-Booth, brother of Countess Markievicz, and others kidnapped in Sligo, returned to their homes last evening, but declined to make any statements.

High tension prevails at all points. Strangers traveling through the six counties are subject to closest scrutiny.

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

Col. Wickham, commanding the Ulster specials, has received a communication from Dublin Castle stating that the provincial government is sending special officers to investigate the kidnapping.

5,000 Specials on Duty.

Belfast, Feb. 9.—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 Bellesk, on the Fermanagh-Donegal border, forces of "specials" were on guard, as well as heavy contingents of the regular constabulary.

It was estimated that 5,000 men were engaged in policing the line. The forces began to move toward the border yesterday following news of the raids.

The Republican View.

Dublin, Feb. 9—Owen O'Duffy, chief of staff of the Irish Republican army, has issued a statement concerning the raids in Ulster, saying in part:—

"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 liason 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."

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BURIED ON TUESDAY

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George McGaghey of 69 Moore street, who died on Sunday, February 5, 1922, was laid to rest on Tuesday in the old Church of England burying ground. Burial service was conducted by the Rev. Father Young at the house and grave.

ANOTHER BIG MONTREAL FIRE

Standard Bank Building Destroyed — Loss $600,000 — St. James Street Blocked.

Montreal, Feb. 9.—A terrific outbreak of fire which early this morning destroyed the Standard Life Assurance Co. building in the heart of the business district, causing damage estimated by Clarke Kennedy, manager, to be in the vicinity of $600,000.

The fire, which, according to the janitor, originated on the ground floor in the early hours, rapidly spread throughout the building until the whole structure was in flames.

The fire was most severe at the rear, and for a time it was feared that it would spread to the premises of the National Trust Co., which is situated next door. Smoke and water damaged that building.

On the west side of the Standard Life Assurance building are the offices of the Montreal Star, which soon became filled with smoke. There was no damage here, however.

St. James street, the main thoroughfare in the business centre, was completely blocked.

QUEBEC HOUSE TO DISCUSS THE LIQUOR ACT

Delegation of Women Ask for Suffrage—Bills Passed.

Quebec, Feb. 9.—(Canadian Press.)—The Taschereau bill to amend the act respecting coroners was passed in committee of the house in the legislative assembly yesterday, but third reading of the measure was deferred until the next sitting.

Third reading was given to the Davis bill to increase from [illegible] to [illegible] the grant made to the elementary school fund to help poor municipalities in the building of schools.

Today's session did not begin until four p. m., as in the earlier part of the afternoon the government received a delegation of women asking for suffrage.

Arthur Sauve, leader of the opposition, has given notice of a section which he will submit asking for the repeal of the Quebec liquor act. Mr. Sauve does not expect to secure the repeal of the act, but wants to bring it before the house so that he may discuss the act and its administration as he desires.

220 AND MILE AT PLACID TODAY

Start of Big 3-Day Meet to Decide who is Skating Ace of America.

Lake Placid, Feb. 9—Skating events which will, it is anticipated by Saturday night, decide who is the amateur speed skating ace of America, began here today with five contenders, all of whom have won at least thirty points in previous skating meets this season. The men are Roy McWhirter and Wm. Steinmetz of Chicago, Charles Jewtraw of Lake Placid, Joe Moore of New York and Charles Gorman of St. John, N. B.

The men will compete in two events each afternoon of the three day meet. There will be no preliminaries and no handicaps.

In addition the programme each day includes senior events for the Lake Placid silver trophy and several races for the juniors.

The two big events on today's card are the 220 yard dash and the one mile race.

DUST AND WIND STORM DESTROYS KANSAS WHEAT

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 9—Western and central Kansas, the heart of the state's wheat belt, today faced a continuation of severe dust and wind storms which yesterday swept across a wide strip of territory and blew wheat out of the ground. The disturbance yesterday was one of the most severe in recent years.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "a man came to me today who wanted to spend some money."

"You kin meet men like that every day," said Hiram.

"But this man was different," said the reporter. "He wanted to spend without getting what we usually describe as a run for his money."

"That kind aint so easy to find," said Hiram — "leastways they don't gin-ally go round lookin' fer the chance to spend that way."

"This man," said the reporter, "regards it as a duty to spend each year what I would call a remarkably liberal proportion of his income to make things better for other people, and especially children."

"Lots o' folks 'ud be tickled to death to meet him," said Hiram.

"I will not give him away," said the reporter, "but I want to tell you that after talking with him a little while I thought a lot better of human nature."

"You orto," said Hiram. "I wish we hed more men like that man. My! What a lot o' good could be done if them that hes the money was all willin' to believe part of it orto go to make life brighter fer the children that aint gittin' a fair show. Mister—they'd change the world."

NO KNOWLEDGE OF AGREEMENT

Ottawa Has No Word of a Reciprocal Pact re Dairy Dairy Products Exchange.

Ottawa, Feb. 9—The government has no knowledge of any agreement between Canada and the United States whereby dairy products of these two countries will be permitted to cross the border under a mutual reciprocal pact. This was stated on the highest authority last evening. A Regina despatch quoted D'Arcy Scott, legal advisor to the National Dairy Council, as saying that such an agreement was now assured.

FOUR WEEKS EACH FOR REFUSAL TO WORK WITH NEGRO

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 9.—Twelve firemen who refused to work in the stokehold of the Canadian Government Merchant freighter Canadian Winner because a West Indian negro was employed they were sentenced to four weeks' imprisonment each by the magistrate sitting in admiralty court. Magistrate Prescott points out that the ship had been held up three days through the action of the men, incurring demurrage of $700 a day.

When the Winner cleared for the Orient last night with a new crew the West Indian was working in the stokehold.

KENTUCKY ANTI-GAMBLING BILL IS REJECTED

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 9—The bill to prohibit race track gambling was killed in the Kentucky senate yesterday.

FLOODS CAUSE LOSS.

London, Feb. 9—(Canadian Press)—The recent floods in the state of Queensland, Australia, caused enormous losses among sheep and cattle, cables Reuter's correspondent at Brisbane.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—Shallow depressions are centered this morning in Wisconsin and the north Pacific states and pressure is highest over the far northern portions of the continent.

Light snowfalls have occurred locally in the Ottawa Valley, also in the eastern portion of the maritime provinces, and in the interior of British Columbia and the western provinces. Forecasts:

Cold; Few Snow Flurries.

Maritime—Moderate to fresh winds, mostly west and southwest, a few local snow flurries but generally fair and cold today and on Friday.

Gulf and North Shore—Fair and decidedly cold.

New England—Unsettled weather tonight and tomorow. Probably snow or rain; slightly warmer tonight, fresh to strong southwest winds.

Toronto, Feb. 9—Temperatures:

	8 a.m.	Highest yesterday.	Lowest during night.
Prince Rupert	16	20	14
Victoria	32	32	30
Kamloops	4	16	2
Calgary	*4	2	*4
Edmonton	*10	*14	*14
Prince Albert	*4	2	*6
Winnipeg	4	14	4
White River	8	26	8
Sault Ste. Marie	28	34	24
Toronto	30	31	27
Kingston	30	18	16
Ottawa	12	16	10
Montreal	12	10	8
Quebec	*2	10	*2
St. John, N.B.	2	20	0
Halifax	8	18	2
St. Johns, Nfld.	16	30	14
Detroit	32	34	32
New York	26	32	24

*Below zero.

AT CANNES

Lady Wavertree pointing out to Viscount French the beautiful view from her Villa. Viscount French has aged considerably since the great war.

ONTARIO LABOR GROUP REPUDIATES ITS LEADER IN LEGISLATURE

Toronto, Feb. 9.—When the Ontario legislature opens next week, the labor group in the house will work out its destiny without a leader. Geo. E. Halcrow, M. L. A. for East Hamilton, who has been nominally the pilot, is repudiated in a letter which is signed by the ten other members of the group and which was received yesterday by J. W. Buckley, president of the Independent Labor party in Ontario and also chairman of the Ontario executive. The explanation given is the extremely free criticism of the Drury government in which Mr. Halcrow has permitted himself to indulge. Mr. Halcrow will not have a successor as leader, the group considering that the post is unnecessary and that the activities of "Whip" Charles Swayze will suffice.

An important conference will take place on Saturday at the Labor Temple, when the labor legislators will meet the executive of the Ontario branch of the Independent Labor party.

The letter to Mr. Buckley says, in part:

"We, the undersigned, members of the labor group, cannot any longer recognize Mr. Halcrow as our leader in the legislature. We are also of the opinion that a house leader of the labor group is unnecessary and that all that is required for the proper functioning in the house of the labor group is a whip."

MANY ATTEND DEWET FUNERAL

GEN. CHRISTIAN DE WET.

London, Feb. 9—(Canadian Press)—An enormous gathering attended yesterday the imposing state funeral given the famous Guerilla General Christian De-Wet, in Bloemfontein, says a Reuter's message. The pall beares were Premier General Smuts, General Hertzog, leader of the Nationalist party, three other Boer generals and three senators.

DEATH ROLL IS NOW FIVE

Skull Found in Ruins of the Richmond Fire — Eleven Missing.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 9—Firemen searching in the ruins of the Lexington Hotel, which was destroyed by fire Tuesday, today found a human head, bringing the number of known dead in the disaster to five. Eleven persons are still missing or unaccounted for.

SPECIAL TARGET RIFLES

In speaking of the matter of providing four target rifles for the cadets of the province, which was decided at a meeting of the directors of the Strathcona Trust Fund held in Fredericton on Tuesday, Col. Sparling said this morning that he thought it should go a long way towards putting the cadet teams from New Brunswick on a more equal footing with those from other parts of the empire in the Imperial rifle matches for which they are eligible. Most of the other parts of the Dominion, as well as the other sections of the empire already have special target rifles and it is hoped that New Brunswick will develop some fine teams for future matches with the use of these new rifles here. The rifles are to be Birmingham small arms .22 calibre target rifles.

PAYS TRIBUTE TO THE I. O. D. E.

League of Nations Union Official on Tour of America—Branch of the Union for India.

London, Feb. 9—(Canadian Press)—Major David Davies, M. P., will sail on Feb. 18, on a tour of the United States and Canada as chairman of the overseas committee of the League of Nations Union. The union is an organization of sympathizers with the aims of the league and already has 150,000 members in Great Britain, and is associated with twenty-eight societies with similar aims in the dominions and foreign countries.

Lauds I. O. D. E.

Mr. Davies pays especial tribute to the activities of the union and allied societies in Canada and singles out the Daughters of the Empire in the latter connection. He anticipates the early formation of a branch of the union in India, which hitherto has not been represented. Mr. Davies announces that the next conference of the overseas unions will be held in Prague in June next.

Referring to the Far East, Mr. Davies stated that the Japanese union was especially efficient and claimed that pressure brought by that union had a material effect on the Japanese attitude at Washington.

BODY FOUND IN RUINS OF HOME

Ontario Farmer Had Taken Wife and Child Away the Night Before House was Destroyed.

North Bay, Ont., Feb. 9—Word reached here last night of the tragic death of Peter Shoemacher, a farmer of the township of Himsworth. His charred bones were found yesterday heaped beside the springs of his bed in the midst of the ruins of his home. The fire is believed to have originated from the kitchen stove. Shoemacher had taken his wife and seven month's child to the former's mother the night previous. The blaze was first discovered by Nicholas Aultman, a neighbor, who attempted unsuccessfully to enter the house. When the fire had burned itself out the neighbors found Mr. Shoemacher's body.

CALL UPON BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO CONSIDER AIR MAIL SERVICE

London, Feb. 9.—(Canadian Press.)—A resolution was adopted at the conference of aviation yesterday in the Guildhall calling upon the government to immediately consider the establishment of an air mail service throughout the British Empire.

Lord Weir, presiding on the second day of the conference, attributed the failure of commercial flying to the airplanes in use, which he said were incapable of achieving results of practical value commensurate with the expenditure of capital.

The problem was still one for the scientists, he declared.

Sir Frederick Sykes, controller of civil aviation, pleaded for government support for civil aviation.

Gen. Brancker said the submission for the cross-channel services were not justified by their national importance. He suggested that the government should consider the formation of a great national company, with the government sharing control for the purpose of developing important routes like Delhi to London or Aden to Mombasa for the purpose of carrying mails.

Handley Page urged the development of air service by commercial companies rather than by military organizations.

FIVE SHOTS IN BODY; HE WALKS TO THE POLICE

New York, Feb. 9—A limousine stopped beside the curb on Upper Riverside drive near where Tony Bruno stood in overalls yesterday. Two well groomed men stepped from the car, fired five shots into Tony's body and drove away. Bruno got up, brushed himself, walked to a police station, told the story and collapsed. The bullets "could not have been better distributed in his body," the desk lieutenant said, amazed that the man still lived. He was in a hospital last night wondering what all the racket was about, while police were seeking his assailants.

HARBOR MATTERS BEFORE COUNCIL

H. R. McLellan Tells of Trip to Ottawa.

Proposed Amendments to the Harbor Commission Act—Negro Point Breakwater Extension—The Overhead Crossing.

At a meeting of the common council this morning a communication was received from Hon. F. B. Carvell, chairman of the Railway Commission, notifying them of action taken in regard to the overhead crossing on Douglas avenue. H. R. McLellan also was heard in regard to calling a meeting of representatives of local societies and organizations to take up the matter of revising the Harbor Commission Act and the extension of Negro Point breakwater.

With reference to the communication about the overhead crossing Mayor Schofield said he had talked the matter over with Engineer Hare and advised him to take it up with Mr. Motley and the C. P. R. so that preliminary steps could be taken immediately. He said that, judging from the recommendations made the C. P. R. would be perhaps the ones to design the arch. He drew attention to the action pending in the court about the new bridge and said that if it were decided that nothing further would be done about the matter they would then be in good shape to start operations. If, on the other hand, it was decided that the bridge would have to be raised, they could postpone operations by an application of the board. Commissioner Frink asked if a court decision would overrule that of the Railway Board. Mayor Schofield said he was not in a position to say whether it would or not. Commissioner Frink then asked if he would proceed with preparations for the construction of the road. In answer the Mayor said it would be better to wait until more information regarding the decision of the court was available. On motion the communication was received and ordered to lie on the table.

Harbor Questions

Mr. McLellan said he has been interested in harbor commission in such a form as would prove beneficial to the citizens. He said he went to Ottawa to ascertain if amendments could be made to the act which would meet with the approval of the government and the citizens of St. John. He said he conferred with Hon. Mr. Lapointe, minister of marine and fisheries, who seemed fairly familiar with the act. He said the minister advised him to secure a draft of amendments which would be acceptable to the citizens of St. John and to send them forward for his consideration.

He promised to do all in his power to bring the matter before the next session of parliament or at the latest at the fall session. When asked if it would be advisable to send a delegation to him he said no. Mr. McLellan said that the common council was the proper authority to call a meeting of representative bodies, such as the Board of Trade, the Commercial Club, Rotary Club, Retail Merchants' Association, and all other societies or bodies holding meetings who represent the taxpayers of St. John.

The Breakwater.

With regard to the breakwater, he said, he had conferred with the minister of public works and the chief engineer. While in conversation with the latter he was practically assured that not one dollar would be spent in the harbor of St. John until the breakwater was completed. Mr. McLellan pointed out that $500,000 has been appropriated for work on the breakwater, but this would not complete it, as the lowest tender received before the war was $896,000. He said that the base of the present breakwater was 125 feet. With reference to material, he said, plans approved call for granite facing. He pointed out that this work cannot be done too quickly, as it is very important, and it is also an opportune time to satisfy the people of St. John. He said he was assured by the engineer of his support in having this matter attended to.

In promoting these schemes, Mr. McLellan said there was "no nigger in the woodpile." He had heard that he was seeking a commissionership, and he said while he was not, if it was offered to him and the remuneration was satisfactory he would certainly accept. He said he believed that if the citizens displayed a willingness to get together and if represented by the majority that results would be forthcoming. He said he was confident that Hon. Mr. Lapointe is absolutely sincere.

Mayor Schofield said that citizens should come to some decision over the harbor. He said he would be glad to try and work up some interest. He said that the new developments should give the matter an added impetus. He said a meeting would be called at an early date.

Commissioner Frink reported regarding an application of Armstrong and Jackson to erect a number of signs throughout the city. He said he could

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