

"Dirty Joe" Confesses Her Love for Slain Movie Man

Is Sought in Taylor Case

Activities of Narcotic Veneers in Hollywood Probed—Promise Surprising Developments.

Guards at Minter Home

By EDWARD DOHERTY.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 7.—While the body of William Desmond Taylor, murdered film director, was being borne to the vault in Hollywood cemetery late this afternoon, the police and the sheriff's men were repeating for the hundredth time, "We expect to clear up this mystery before night."

Deputy Sheriff Harvey Bell asserted he had information that there was a woman at the bottom of the mystery, that Edward F. Sands, sought by the police, had nothing to do with the affair. He expected to make an arrest, he said, within a few hours.

Capt. David L. Adams, directing the police, insisted that Sands, the fugitive valet, wanted for twice robbing his master and sending him threatening letters, was the man who could solve the crime, and the only one who could.

Access Is Questioned.

An actress, who had been severely grilled a few nights ago, was questioned again today. It is believed her sweetheart may have known something of the murder. He was jealous of Taylor, it is said.

The "tip" that Sands was hiding near Carlin, Nev., was proved false. The man was not Sands. He was much shorter, and he had a wooden leg.

It is reported that new evidence as to the activities of the narcotic venders, who are plentiful in Hollywood, had promised surprising developments; but there was nothing definite.

The police were looking for a man said to be known as "Dirty Joe," who, they believe, can tell something about Taylor's personal habits, about the women who called at his cozy bachelor apartments when the shades had been drawn, about the men reputed to be jealous of him.

Some of the actors and actresses who have been patronizing this peddler are being sought, the police believe it possible they may talk, "if rightly handled."

Detectives Guard Star.

Mary Miles Minter, the film star who became hysterical when she heard of Taylor's death, has shut herself up in her home, and four private detectives stand on guard to keep everybody away.

Since it became known that Mary had written to Taylor, she will see nobody.

A letter with her butterfly crest, signed "Yours always, Mary," was found in one of the numerous books in the Taylor library.

"Dearest," it said, "I love you, I love you, I love you."

There were nine little crosses for nine little kisses, and one big cross with an exclamation point at the bottom of the letter.

Mary has not admitted she sent this letter. Neither has she denied it. She has denied, however, that she loved Taylor in the sense that a big strong, kind man, she says, a brilliant, courteous, charming "uncle." She never was engaged to him. He never made love to her.

Kissed Tiny Handkerchief.

Henry Peavey, Taylor's valet and cook, was questioned again today, but the only new thing he told was that Taylor kept a tiny lace handkerchief, and that he used to kiss it often, reverently.

It may have been one sent him by his daughter, Ethel Daisy, who is (Turn to Page Three, Column Three).

15 or 20 Thought Death Toll in Richmond Fire

Richmond, Va., Feb. 7.—Three persons are known to be dead and at least 15 injured in a fire here early today which destroyed the Lexington hotel and several adjoining buildings with a loss estimated at \$150,000.

A wall at the fire escape collapsed and is believed to have entombed several persons. Many were injured by leaping from windows. The flames quickly spread to the Savings bank of Richmond, the Pearl laundry, the Co-Operative exchange, the Anderson-Wilson Paper company plant and the Clyde W. Saunders printing plant, all of which were badly damaged.

Harding to Carry Out Arms Pact

Work on Fortifications and Capital Ships Ordered Suspended—President Opposes Reservations.

Ratification Expected

By GRAFTON S. WILCOX.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 7.—President Harding sees no need for any reservations in the Washington conference treaties, which will send to the senate late this week.

In the opinion of the chief executive it now seems likely that two-thirds of the senate will concur, although there will be a fight made for a reservation in the four-power Pacific treaty, so it will declare the agreement of the nations to confer over Pacific differences in no sense imposes an obligation upon any power to employ its military force.

In making known the president's belief that the treaties should be speedily ratified, without reservation, the White House also announced today that the chief executive already had directed that all work on fortifications, which come under the status quo agreement of the naval treaty, be suspended immediately.

This order from the president, will put an end to fortification construction now in progress on the Island of Guam and on fortification extensions in the Philippine islands.

Suspend Ship Building.

It was further stated that the president had directed, as forecast last week, the suspension of all work on capital ships under construction, which are to be scrapped under the naval agreement. This will be merely a suspension order and will result in work being done abandoned but no final order to discontinue the work and thereby releasing appropriations therefor will be issued until actual ratification of the naval treaty.

Secretary of War Weeks, in this connection, announced tonight that today he had stopped a shipment of 20 155-mm guns to the Philippines in order to live up to the spirit of the new naval treaty. The guns were for naval transport. They will not be used in the status quo region of the Pacific.

Interjects His Speech.

The president today also took note of the growing tendency in congress, in view of the results of the Washington conference, to make further cuts in army and navy appropriations and in the personnel of both military arms.

The president in making known his view regarding the necessity for keeping an adequate military force took occasion to deny that further cuts in army and navy appropriations, which pacifist leaders insist, made him a convert to their cause. Some of the pacifists insisted that the president made himself eligible to their ranks when he said that preparedness was peace.

Today the president declared that his remark yesterday was in no sense the statement of a pacifist, that he did not believe in complete abandonment of armies and navies, that no government should abandon its defense.

Scholar Says Humans Will Die of Thirst

Berlin, Feb. 7.—"Will the human race eventually die of thirst?" is the foreboding question asked by the French scholar, Marcel, in the current number of Le Nature.

This prophet of evil bases his theory upon the fact that the Desert of Sahara was formerly a gigantic lake, and that the power springs of the Pyrenees mountains have now dried up, leaving distinct traces of their former activity.

M. Marcel's theory that the surface of the earth will in time become an arid waste, is not accepted by other scholars, who think the phenomena he has observed can be explained by purely local causes.

In any case many centuries will elapse before this "drying up" process is completed, and by that time the world will have become so mured that the hardships of prohibition as to be impervious to further calamities.

Close Public Places at Polk in Scarlet Fever Epidemic

Stromsburg, Neb., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—Polk, a neighboring village, 12 miles west of Stromsburg, is having an epidemic of scarlet fever. The disease has been prevalent since Thanksgiving, and reached the epidemic stage last week. Schools, churches and movie houses have been closed by the health authorities.

Alleged Iowa Murderer Held in Wichita Prison

Wichita, Kan., Feb. 7.—Frank Foster, in jail here, charged with the murder of Patrick Robert Fitzpatrick November 21, will be turned over to Iowa officials on the charge of killing a farmer in Clark county, Iowa, October 19, according to a decision by James A. Conly, county attorney here.

Yegmen Break Into Bank, Take Away \$30,000

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 7.—The First National bank of Poubo, Wash., was entered last night by bandits who blew the vault, destroyed 30 safe deposits boxes and escaped with cash, securities and jewelry to an amount estimated at \$30,000, according to information received here today.

\$2,500,000 in Gold Sent to U. S. by Russia via Sweden

New York, Feb. 7.—Gold bars valued at \$2,500,000, said to have been held by the Russian soviet government and sent to Sweden for re-shipment, arrived on the steamship Nyland from Stockholm, it was learned today. The gold was consigned to a local bank.

"Angel" Damato Found Guilty in Fogg Murder

Mike Damato, former newsboy, confessed drug addict, and in boyhood days known as "Angel" among his intimates, was found guilty of manslaughter by a jury in district court last night in connection with the slaying of Frank Fogg, veteran druggist, who was discovered mysteriously slain in his drug store.

The jury was out four hours. The first ballot was to decide whether or not Damato was guilty. It was 9 to 3, votes of guilty being in the majority. The second ballot was 10 to 2. The third showed no change. Then the jury went to supper. The fourth ballot was 10 to 2. An agreement was reached to cut the charge from first degree murder to manslaughter and the two "irreconcilables" were won over.

The trial began last Monday. Damato swore, and his testimony was seconded by his parents and brother, that he was at home in bed on the night of the murder.

Harding Names Diplomats for Central Powers

Houghton Selected for Germany; Washburn to Austria and Brentano to Hungary.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Diplomatic representatives to Germany, Austria and Hungary were nominated today by President Harding. Alanson B. Houghton of New York was selected as ambassador to Germany, Albert Washburn of Massachusetts as minister to Austria and Theodore Brentano of Illinois as minister to Hungary.

The president also sent to the senate the nominations of Fred Morris Dearing of Missouri, at present assistant secretary of state, to minister to Portugal and Roy T. Davis of Missouri to minister to Costa Rica.

Confirmation Is Next.

Confirmation by the senate of the nominations of Messrs. Houghton, Washburn and Brentano and presentation by them of letters of credence to the governments to which they are to be accredited will complete the relations of the United States with the former enemy countries.

The decision of the president to nominate Mr. Houghton as ambassador to Germany was announced some time ago. The prospective new ambassador is serving his second term as a member of the house from New York. He has large manufacturing interests at Corning, N. Y., and prior to the war made a number of visits to Germany.

Mr. Washburn, who was named for the vacant post as an attorney with offices in New York, although his home is at Middleboro, Mass. He formerly served as American consul at Magdeburg, Germany.

Judge Brentano served on the bench of the superior court of Cook county, Illinois, for more than 30 years, a portion of the time as chief justice.

Hungary Now Represented.

Although the nominations sent to the senate today complete the diplomatic representation of the United States in the three former enemy countries, Hungary is the only one of the three represented in Washington by a ranking diplomat. Count Laszlo Sechenyi, husband of the former Gladys Vanderbilt, presented his credentials as Hungarian minister to President Harding January 11.

Austria is represented by a charge d'affaires and Germany's diplomatic interests are looked out for by a charge who took up residence here in December.

It is the understanding of officials here that Germany will soon name a minister at Washington and that Austria will appoint a minister.

Norfolk Board Cuts Salaries of Teachers

Norfolk, Neb., Feb. 7.—(Special Telegram.)—The board of education reduced teachers salaries here 6 1/2 per cent under a new schedule which was adopted at a regular board meeting today.

Heirs Sue to Share in Note for \$13,000 Left by Farmer

Columbus, Neb., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—A note for \$13,000, given by the late Peter A. Anderson by George H. Gutru of Newman Grove, Neb., for the purchase of a farm two years ago, is the subject of a suit now pending in the Platte county district court. The case was started in probate court in the form of a claim by the widow, Mrs. Amanda Anderson, who sets forth that, prior to his death, Mr. Anderson had assigned the note and mortgage securing it to his sons and daughters. Other heirs maintain that this sum should be distributed among all the heirs.

Steel Corporation Mills Reopen on Open Shop Basis

Wheeler, W. Va., Feb. 7.—Three mills of the steel plant of the Wheeling Steel corporation at Yorkville, O., near here, resumed operations on an open shop basis after being shut down by a strike of Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin workers since July. Strikers picketed the works, but there was no disorder.

Sanford Estate Is Valued at \$1,500,000 in Will Filed

Lincoln, Feb. 7.—(Special.)—The estate of the late Charles W. Sanford of Lincoln was valued at \$1,500,000 in a will filed in county court today, in which everything is left to the management of his wife, Mrs. Daisy R. Sanford.

Now for Some Honest Effort With the Oars

Invades Sixth District and Names Personnel—Leaders Against Fusion With Old Parties.

Advise 'Middle of Road'

By EDWARD BLACK.

Staff Correspondent, Omaha Bee.

Broken Bow, Neb., Feb. 7.—(Special Telegram.)—The progressive party was established today in Custer county and the Sixth congressional district by formal organization as provided by law.

For the county organization 126 signed the roll, of which 38 were residents of Broken Bow. The congressional district roll contained 112 names of persons from various counties of this expansive district.

C. W. Deal of Broken Bow was named as the new county chairman and F. A. Amshery, cousin of the secretary of state, is secretary.

This is the third county organized by the new party.

J. H. Edmiston of North Platte, state chairman, and E. L. Bollen of Lincoln, chairman of the state executive committee, assisted in the organization work.

Leaders and members of the progressive party cherish the "Big Six" as the district wherein their party was cradled and born. They refer to the palmy days of populism when O. M. Kern, "old hicko statesman," was elected to congress from the district. Kern lived near Broken Bow.

Today Custer county has J. D. Ream, one of the leaders of the Non-partisan league, also W. J. Taylor, a real "dirt" farmer, who served today as chairman of the resolutions committee.

Other members of the resolutions committee were Ross Moore, John Dietz, Mrs. S. A. Dean of Broken Bow, and Dr. A. L. Matthews of Callaway.

Rail Question Brings Ripple.

The resolutions committee caused a ripple during the afternoon session by coming to a decision on the railroad question. Some of the delegates thought this was an egregious error, which Chairman Taylor of the committee skillfully parried. He asserted the question was too big to cover by resolutions. After the railroad had been cursed and blessed, Taylor offered one amendment, and W. E. Dunning of Broken Bow another. One was against a guarantee of railroad capitalization, and the other was a declaration for lower railroad rates.

Some of the delegates wanted to go on record in favor of a flat rate, one extending to a primary rate, and other thought the convention should temper its wrath with a modicum of care. The result was a compromise and a declaration for a "radical reduction."

The resolution referred to "violent deflation of our currency," reduction of one cent on the dollar, and a demand for "the personal services of all state and county officers." As a policy of politics in the coming state campaign, the resolution said, "we are unalterably opposed to fusion with, or the endorsement of any candidate of either of the old parties."

The resolution reads: "The Custer county progressive went on record as against fusion with any other party or endorsement of any candidate who is not pledged to the party."

"We must keep in the middle of the road," adjured County Chairman Deal.

May Trot Beall Out.

"If we use it will spell ruin," said Mr. Taylor.

C. W. Deal, county chairman, is being discussed as a probable congressional candidate in the Sixth. He has lived in Custer county 35 years and was elected four times to the state legislature, twice as a populist and twice as a democrat. He was a (Turn to Page Three, Column Two).

Mill Strikers Persuade More Employes to Quit

Providence, R. I., Feb. 7.—Strikers from villages nearby marched to Apponaug today, forced the closing of the Narragansett Cotton company, a small tie fabric mill and induced most of the workers in the Apponaug bleacher to quit. Cans of the strike situation in Rhode Island today indicated 24 mills and bleachers, employing between 10,000 and 11,000 hands, are closed. The walkouts followed announcement of wage reductions.

\$20,000,000 Appropriation for Capital Passes House

Washington, Feb. 7.—The house today passed the District of Columbia appropriation bill carrying approximately \$20,000,000 for the government of the national capital during the coming fiscal year. The measure was the fourth of the annual supply bills to be sent to the senate this session.

Hibernians Send Message of Felicitation to Pope

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 7.—James Deery, national president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, today sent this message to Cardinal Gasparri at Rome:

Wealthy Mother Comes to Fasting Daughter's Aid

Mrs. L. L. Moore, Parent of Mrs. Loretta Schreiner of Fremont, Incensed Over Court Treatment.

Fremont, Neb., Feb. 7.—(Special Telegram.)—The sheep queen of Wyoming, Mrs. L. L. Moore, Thermopolis, has reached Fremont to be with her daughter, Mrs. Loretta Schreiner, wealthy Fremont woman, who has fasted for eight days following her sentence on a charge of preventing her 8-year-old twins from attending school.

Mrs. Schreiner has not taken food since her incarceration and at the present rate it appears as if her desire to eat will be absent long after her sentence expires. She entertains visitors and is cheerful.

Mrs. Moore is accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Butler Cromer, wealthy real estate and stock woman of Casper, Mrs. Schreiner's mother rushed to Fremont after reading reports of her daughter's fast in western newspapers. She is greatly incensed over the manner in which her daughter was treated by the court, and is threatening dire action as a result of some of the alleged wrong impressions that were given out.

Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Cromer want it known that they have the money to fight their case and that Mrs. Schreiner will not want for help and advice.

Mrs. Moore is a heavy-set, gray-haired, jovial type of woman.

Jury Fails to Reach Verdict in Norman Mann Act Case

The jury impeached yesterday to hear the case against Cora Norman, charged with violation of the Mann act, failed to agree and was dismissed after three hours' deliberation by Federal Judge Woodruff. He stated the case would be tried again.

Seven ballots were taken, the foreman reported to the judge. The first stood 5 to 7; the second 6 to 6, and the others 4 to 8.

Mrs. Norman is the wife of Harry Norman, South Side pool hall proprietor.

Farmers Store at Columbus Declares Annual Dividend

Columbus, Neb., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—Despite the prevailing cry of money stringency, and unsettled business conditions, the Farmers Union store at Columbus declared a substantial dividend at its annual meeting. No distribution was made, however, the entire sum being set aside for a reserve or sinking fund. All the officers were re-elected for the ensuing year.

Lincoln Motor Taken From Detroit Exchange

Detroit, Feb. 7.—The board of governors of the Detroit Stock Exchange today removed Lincoln Motor class A stock from the exchange. The action was taken, it was announced, because the \$8,000 paid for the property by Henry Ford was not sufficient to meet liabilities of the company and therefore no money would be forthcoming for distribution among stockholders.

Madame Curie Honored.

Paris, Feb. 7.—(By A. P.)—Madame Curie, scientist, today was elected a member of the Academy of Medicine. It is the first time a woman has ever been elected a member of any French academy.

Indian Aged 137 Dies in Minnesota

Ca-Ba-Nah-Gewn-Wonce or "Wrinkled Meat" Remembers War of 1812.

Cass Lake, Minn., Feb. 7.—Ca-Ba-Nah-Gewn-Wonce, also known as John Smith, a Chippewa Indian reputed to be 137, died today after a week's illness with pneumonia.

Smith, whose Indian name meant "Wrinkled Meat," had been very active in late years. A year ago he became totally blind, but his mind remained clear and he often recalled the days when he was a scout for the Chippewas in the wars with the Sioux. He also remembered events of the war of 1812. One of his boasts was that he had never fought against the white man.

Up to four years ago he had never visited a big city. His first trip was to the Twin Cities.

A year and a half ago he returned to the north woods of Minnesota to spend his time fishing where he fished more than a century ago.

He had been married eight times. He had no children and the only survivor is Tom Smith, an adopted son, with whom he lived.

Funeral services will be held here Thursday at the local Catholic church, which he joined eight years ago.

The "Old Indian," as he was generally known, was active until six months ago, since which time he had not been seen outside his adopted son's house. Before that time he had made it a practice to meet all trains entering the village and offer postal cards for sale. He claimed to have met the Schoolcraft and Cass exploration party, which passed through here about 100 years ago.

To illustrate his vitality, it is related that seven years ago, when related to a party of men, he was knocked down by a switch engine. His injuries confined him to a hospital for only three weeks.

Douglas County Leads State in Vehicle Returns for 1921

Lincoln, Feb. 7.—Douglas county led the state last year in the number of motor vehicles licensed, records of the department of public works showing 30,865 issued for a total of \$335,150 in fees. Lancaster county ranked second with 16,874 licenses and \$180,048 in fees. Licenses include motor cars, trucks, motorcycles, dealers, trailers, transfers and lost plates.

Gage county was issued 5,910, which returned \$61,663; Hall county, 5,314 for a sum of \$54,752; Madison county, 5,056, fees \$53,515; Platte county, 4,230, fees \$48,295; Scotts Bluff county, 3,447, fees \$39,137; and York county, 4,186, fees \$44,857.

The grand total was 263,712, for a total of \$2,819,628.

No Further Charges to Be Preferred Against Howat

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 6.—The state will prefer no further charges at this time against Alexander Howat, deposed Kansas mine union president, who was released last night from the Cherokee county jail after signing a peace bond. Attorney General Hopkins said today.

Harding Names Home Town Priest Agent at Tangier

Washington, Feb. 7.—Rev. Joseph M. Denning of Marietta, O., was nominated by President Harding to be agent and consul-general at Tangier, Morocco. Mr. Denning is pastor of St. Marys Catholic church at Marion and has been a life-long friend of the president.

King Has Praise for Arms Meet in Parliament Talk

Pays High Tribute to Accomplishments—Speaks on Irish Treaty and Pact With France.

London, Feb. 7.—(By A. P.)—Prime Minister Lloyd George, speaking at the opening session of the house of commons this afternoon, termed the Washington conference one of the greatest achievements ever registered in the history of the world.

Alluding to the house of lords, Mr. Lloyd George said he felt doubly committed to its reform.

The imperial parliament, which was prorogued December 19 to await action on the Irish treaty by the Daily Eireann, was reopened today by the reading of the speech from the throne by King George.

Regarding the Irish treaty, the king said, parliament would be called upon to consider such measures as may be necessary to give effect to the agreement. He also touched upon the negotiations for a pact with France to guarantee action in the event of an unprovoked attack by Germany and paid high tribute to the accomplishment of the Washington conference.

Sleeping Sickness Is Raging in Russia

Moscow, Feb. 7.—Sleeping sickness is appearing in Russia on a scale which would cause great alarm in a country less hardened to wholesale deaths through starvation and typhus. Attention was especially called to the epidemic through the death of Dr. D. Gorkhoff, professor of surgery and gynecology at Moscow university.

The disease appeared in the Ukraine in considerable proportions two years ago and later spread northward.

About 70 per cent of the victims died. In Moscow one young woman who had the malady lay unconscious for nearly three months. Her life was despaired of but she suddenly rallied and in a few days was well.

Eight Buildings Destroyed by Fire in Anchorage

Anchorage, Alaska, Feb. 7.—Fire that originated in the Royal cafe at 9 this morning had at noon swept the block between D and E streets and destroyed eight buildings. Soldiers stationed here assisted firemen in fighting the flames.

The Weather

Forecast.

Iowa: Generally fair Wednesday and Thursday; warmer Wednesday; colder in northwest portion Thursday.

Nebraska: Fair Wednesday; Thursday unsettled and colder.

Hourly Temperatures.

5 a. m. 21 1 p. m. 53  
6 a. m. 20 2 p. m. 52  
7 a. m. 19 3 p. m. 50  
8 a. m. 18 4 p. m. 49  
9 a. m. 17 5 p. m. 48  
10 a. m. 16 6 p. m. 47  
11 a. m. 15 7 p. m. 46  
12 noon 14 8 p. m. 45  
1 p. m. 13 9 p. m. 44  
2 p. m. 12 10 p. m. 43

Highest Tuesday.

Theyenne 53 Pueblo 48  
Davenport 52 Salt Lake 47  
Denver 51 Santa Fe 46  
Des Moines 50 Sheridan 45  
Dodge City 49 St. Louis 44  
Lander 48 Valentine 43  
North Platte 46

Firemen Battle Flames With Temperature 50 Below

Dawson, Vt., Feb. 7.—Fire last night destroyed the Empire block, one of Dawson's landmarks. Firemen fought the flames in a 50 below zero temperature. The block was originally valued at \$50,000.