

WIFE TELLS STORY OF FORMER HUSBAND'S MURDER

Mrs. Robbins, Wed to a Wealthy New York Restaurant Man

New York, Feb. 6.—The former wife of William Desmond Taylor, the slain movie director, is now Mrs. Edward C. Robbins, of this city. Her husband is the owner of Delmonico's, at 100 West 44th street and Fifth avenue, also of a chain of restaurants in the Wall Street section. But Taylor was not known to her by that name at the time of their marriage in 1901; not until about two years ago, long after she had been legally married. When she was wedded to him he bore the name of William Cunningham Tanager and was not in any way connected in most respects with the man who later became famous. He was then an art expert for the firm of A. J. Crawford & Co., at Fifth avenue and Twenty-eighth street.

There is a charming young woman of 28, Miss Ethel Daisy Deane-Tanner, who is an art student in one of the schools in the city. She is the daughter of her mother with her mother's stepfather at her present suburban residence at Oriental Point, on the outskirts of Manaroneck, near the town of Mamaroneck. She is the daughter of her mother and her father and later were seen by a reporter in Mr. Robbins' office on an upper floor of that building.

Death a Great Shock Both were dressed in black, although this may not be intended as any form of mourning attire for the dead. Mrs. Taylor, who is now Mrs. Robbins, spoke of her former husband as referred to him by Mr. Tanner, by which name, of course, she knew him best.

His death, she said, was a great shock to both her and her daughter. "I met Mr. Tanner," she explained, "in New York City in 1900. He had come from Dublin. As I understood it, it was with the Crawford art firm. He met many wealthy and prominent persons in this connection and seemed to be extremely popular. We were married in December, 1901.

"In 1908, during the summer, Mr. Tanner left the city without any explanation and was gone for months. I never saw him again. I never could assign any reason for his disappearance except apathy.

At the time of the man's disappearance in 1908—although his former wife did not refer to this—his friends and business associates were much alarmed, and a wide search was made for him. The reason for his vanishing never became known. His friends and business associates were much alarmed, and a wide search was made for him.

Awarded Daughter's Custody "In 1912 it became necessary for me to get a decree of divorce for Mr. Tanner, which was granted to me in New York, and I was awarded the custody of our only child, Ethel Daisy. Two years later, in 1914, I married Mr. Robbins.

"It seems strange to hear Mr. Tanner called Taylor. In fact, I have not the slightest idea. It was not until about 1919 that I heard he was known as Taylor. Some few years ago he was in California and was successful in motion pictures.

Mrs. Robbins was asked if she knew any possible reason why he might have wished to seek her former husband's life. She said she did not, adding: "I had it hard to believe that he had any enemies. He was a lovable type of man and his friends were everywhere and kept them. It is a mystery to me. I feel sure it must have been the work of some jealous person rather than an enemy."

Mrs. Robbins said she had known nothing of her former husband's affairs since she divorced him in 1912. Before her marriage to Mr. Robbins, she was Miss Ethel Hamilton, of this city. She said yesterday that she was leaving her father, who lives in the South.

Seek Prominent N. Y. Man in Film Crime

Continued from Page One The man was also reported that the police were searching for a drug peddler. It was hinted, had sought through Taylor to make delivery of drugs to an actress who found it difficult to make her purchases direct. The details of the case were said to be the same as those on the night before reported missing from the Taylor apartments.

Mrs. MacLean Tells Story Mrs. Douglas MacLean, wife of the film star, gave the first detailed statement of what her husband was writing to Taylor, who was her elopement partner. She said in a statement made public last night. Mrs. MacLean also told how the servants of her husband, Taylor's Negro servant, awakened other residents of the bungalow court to a knowledge of the murder the next morning.

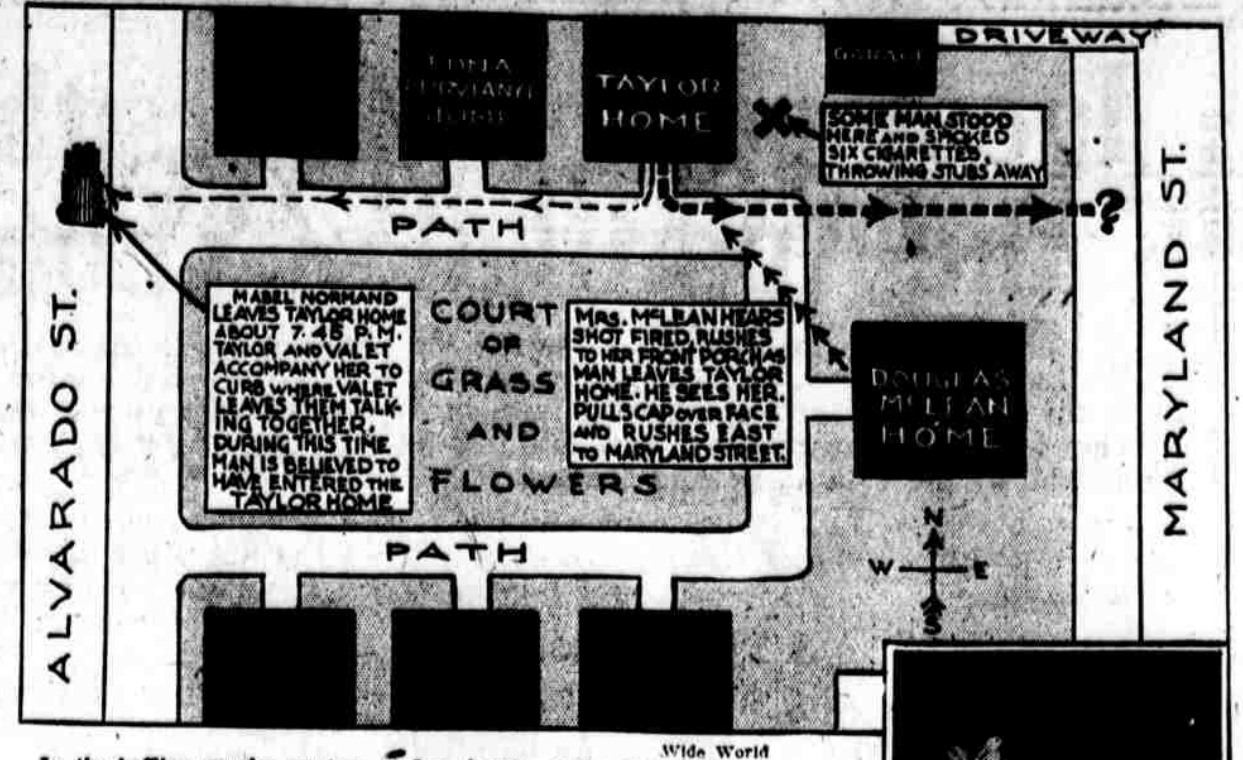
Mrs. MacLean said she "simply could not describe" the man she had seen looking about Taylor's apartment last Wednesday night. "I should say he was five feet nine inches tall, perhaps," she said. "It seems to me he had a prominent nose, but I may have received that impression from shadows cast by the arc light."

"I hardly think it was the missing brother, Edward F. Sands. It seems to me he was not so heavy as Sands. I can only be sure of the gray plaid coat and that his neck was muffled with something—perhaps it was his coat collar. I can't even tell whether he wore an overcoat. We had just finished dinner, Christmas, the night, and I was in the dining room. I had walked to the door, and was sitting on the door-step, knitting. Mr. MacLean had just put up stairs to get a little electric store we sometimes use."

Then Heard the Shot "When I heard the shot I was sitting on the door-step. I was muffled, but still it seemed to me that every corner of the room was dark. I didn't know that a shot?" "I didn't know that a shot?" "I didn't know that a shot?" "I didn't know that a shot?"

Will Demand Documents Following the announcement by Mabel Normand that letters she had written to Taylor were missing from his home, apparently having been removed from the director's desk after his death, it was learned that other documents in the papers of Taylor's household were being examined.

ROUTE TAKEN BY SLAYER IN MOVIE DIRECTOR MURDER



In the baffling murder mystery at Los Angeles police found that the slayer of William Cunningham Heane-Tanner, known to the moving picture world as William D. Taylor, covered the ground indicated in the diagram. The ground covered by Mabel Normand, a caller at the Taylor home, and Mrs. McLean, who heard a shot fired, are indicated. Below is an etching of the dead man as he appeared when an officer with the British forces during the World War

Taylor may have obtained these, and a formal demand for their delivery to the legal representatives of Taylor's daughter and heir will be made today. Miss Normand, when questioned again last night, said she knew Taylor kept his letters and telegrams, because he showed them to her shortly before his death. She appeared indignant at their disappearance and declared she would make every effort to recover them.

DAUGHTER FIRST SAW FATHER ON SCREEN

New York, Feb. 6.—(By A. P.)—Ethel Daisy Deane-Tanner, nineteen-year-old daughter of William Desmond Taylor, slain motion-picture director, first learned his identity when his image was flashed on the screen of a New York playhouse, and her mother, who was with her, exclaimed: "That is your father."

"That was the night last night in the course of investigations by the New York authorities, who are delving deep into the still heavily veiled past of the picture-maker in the hope of turning up a clue in a dispatch to the Evening Post. Miss Deane-Tanner, who is a student in the New York School of Applied Design, recognizing the resemblance between her father's picture and photographs in the possession of her mother, now Mrs. E. L. C. Robbins, of Mamaroneck, wrote to Taylor in care of the motion-picture company, thus beginning a correspondence that continued up to the time of the tragedy.

Some time after the correspondence began, she said last night, Taylor came to her in a "trick" manner, and noting that they were folded the next day, became convinced the director did not keep them in his apartment for sentimental reasons.

Funeral Services Tomorrow Taylor's body, dressed in the uniform of a British officer he wore in the World War, was viewed yesterday by many friends and others at an undertaking establishment, where it will lie until the funeral services tomorrow at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Central.

Snyder Is Assailed as Ponzi of Penna.

Continued from Page One cock Alley, in the Bellevue-Stratford, in the pink of perfection—the glass of fashion and the mold of form and all that. Philadelphia knows Mr. Snyder by his rakishly tilted hat, his suede spats, his cane, his hat, and his overcoat. He is a man of many names. But these Pottsville speakers painted other glowing colors into the picture. They told of a \$125,000 mansion in which Mr. Snyder lives. This mansion, they said, was built on a lot of land, a gold room which cost about \$12,000, and which is a costly setting for a gold mine.

Further, they said, Mr. Snyder boasts of the seven bathrooms in which the Pottsville palace is equipped. They pictured a Fifth avenue palace set down among the simple homes of the coal miners. As the story of the Snyder message was unfolded the audience rocked with laughter. It was thrown into transports of delight when Foley, referring to Snyder's free-and-easy payment of fees, bonuses, extra clerk hire and the richness of his style of living, described the State Treasurer, as the "Ponzi of Pennsylvania." Ponzi will be remounted as the Boston financial wizard who raked in millions, promising mythical returns, and who later went to jail.

"Snyder has his \$125,000 mansion," said Foley, "and it is on a liver street. Rather an incongruous setting, I think, for such a palatial mansion. Pottsville High Liver would be better. Then he flies to Boston on a private plane, \$1500 and on which he carries \$1000 life insurance. This jet is kept in a New York kennel. We had a picture of this plane in the evening advertising this meeting, but some friends of his tore off the picture of the dog; they left the picture of the plane and captioned it: 'But the dog was too much for them.'"

"Snyder gets a salary of \$10,000 as State Treasurer, but that is not enough to keep him and his dog, so he hangs on to his job as County Solicitor for Schuylkill, which gets \$1800 a year and some other else does the work."

Has 62 Friends on State's Payroll "Oh, he looks after himself and his friends all right. Paul Honck's son—Honck is connected with the Workmen's Compensation board—was appointed inspector of elections, but he got a check on payday and the taxpayers had to buy him a file for his papers. He never opened the file even to breathe into it. Then Snyder had about sixty other friends in this county on the State payroll."

"This is what you men are up against and what you are trying to root out. He also appoints Democrats, and thus makes the Democratic Party in this county a mere adjunct to the Republican machine. In the last local election Snyder's friends grabbed the Democratic nominations as the result of a bi-partisan deal. All this in preparation for his campaign for Governor. So you can see what might be expected in other parts of the State under a Snyder regime. And Snyder says Lieutenant Governor Beidleman, who got his \$2000 check, to win it."

When he concluded his speech Foley called for contributions to carry on the local campaign against the Snyder leadership. This call was generously answered. "We'll go through the crowd," said Foley, "just like Snyder does every day."

Under the leadership of Foley and other members of the crowd, a large number of the corporations, said the Judge, are being investigated.

FRIENDS OF CROW MAY NOT BACK HIM

Senator's Condition Serious Despite Statements of Recovery, Is Rumor Among Leaders

HOLD OFF FIXING SLATE Despite the public statements of Senator Vane and Governor Sprout that United States Senator Crow is recovering, authoritative word was received from Pittsburgh today by close friends; that, as a matter of fact, he is far from recovering.

Consequently, even the closest friends of Senator Crow are quietly talking of refusing to back him for the full term to succeed the late Senator Kline. They say it would not be fair to Senator Crow nor to the State.

However, the politicians are already talking of the possibility of electing John A. Bell, millionaire banker of Pittsburgh and friend of Mayor Magee, for the senatorial nomination. In that case there probably would be strong candidates. It is significant that a boom has been started for former Governor Tener, who, while Governor, was regarded as an ally of the Crow wing of the Allegheny County organization.

Delay Uniting on Governor It is believed that the "inside" information which the leaders have of the real condition of Senator Crow has led to the decision to delay an attempted argument on a candidate for Governor for another thirty days. For if Senator Crow is not to be a candidate new deals will have to be discussed.

For example, Mayor Magee is basing all his hopes on the possibility of winning the Senatorship by his friend Mr. Bell. The Pittsburgh Mayor, therefore, it is said, would join in a gubernatorial agreement only if it would work to the advantage of Mr. Bell's candidacy. In making such an arrangement Mayor Magee has publicly announced he would talk things over with Senator Vane.

In such circumstances it is possible, said politicians, that Vane would push more vigorously the gubernatorial candidacy of Harry A. Mackey, chairman of the Workmen's Compensation Board. Mackey will be in Pittsburgh on Wednesday, when he will have conferences with Magee and other leaders.

Still Hope for Beidleman W. Harry Baker, secretary of the State Committee and chief backer of Lieutenant Governor Beidleman, has been hopeful that eventually the Vares will turn in for his choice. They figure that many of the Vare leaders in Philadelphia would support Beidleman to Mackey. Senator Crow should be withdrawn from the senatorial race at once in the opinion of the Voters League, unless it can be shown that he will be physically able to carry on his duties as Governor. The organization, it is declared, should have fair assurance that Senator Crow will be strong enough, or withdraw him before it is too late to substitute a capable candidate.

Want Doctor's Views Meanwhile the League holds that the organization, if it wishes to escape the charge of deceiving its own adherents, should get the opinions of at least three eminent physicians concerning Senator Crow's condition. The Republican Organization, it is declared, should have fair assurance that Senator Crow will be strong enough, or withdraw him before it is too late to substitute a capable candidate.

Police Officials in India Village Killed by Mob Nationalists Slay Seventeen—Grave Disorders in Another Town London, Feb. 6.—(A. P.)—A mob of 2000 Indian nationalist volunteers and villagers attacked the police office at Chauri-Chauri on February 3 and killed the entire staff of officers. A subsequent message gave the number of police officials killed as seventeen—two sub-inspectors of police and fifteen constables.

The incident, which is being described in the event characterizes the situation as very serious. Another outbreak also occurred February 4 at Bareilly, the chief town of a division in the United Provinces. A crowd of 5000 rallied at the town hall, and the police seized the local congress office and tore down and burned the flags. Later the crowd was re-formed and attempted to seize the town hall. The police charged the mob. Two persons were killed and five others injured.

The district magistrate and the superintendent of police were wounded. The situation at Bareilly is now in the hands of the military. M. K. Gandhi, the non-co-operation leader of India, has sent a manifesto to Lord Reading, the Viceroy, saying he is prepared to abandon his aggressive policy if his followers are allowed to engage in or under trial for non-violent activities are released, and if the press is released from administrative control, with the restoration of fines and forfeitures.

The police officers were burned and the bodies of those killed were stripped and burned, said the telegram. Two of the sub-inspectors were killed and several wounded.

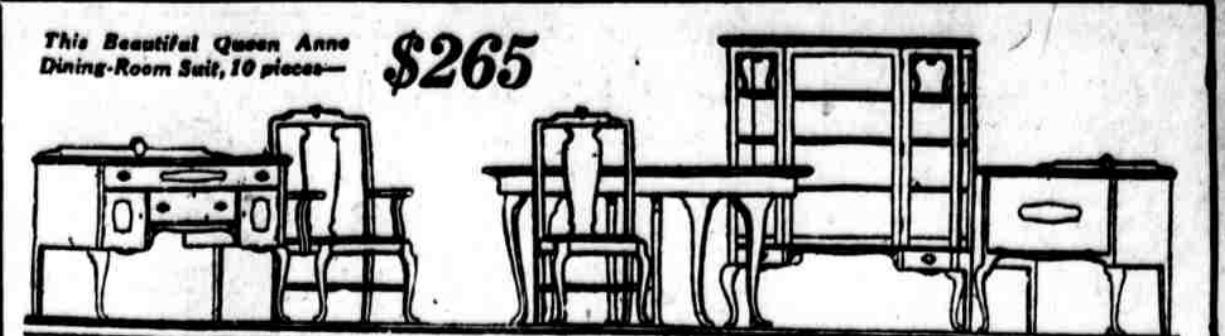
GENERAL DE WET DEAD Conspicuous as Boer Leader in War of 1899 Bloemfontein, South Africa, Feb. 6.—(By A. P.)—General Christian De Wet, commander-in-chief of the Boer forces in the war of 1899, died at his home in De Wetsdorp Friday.

Christian Rudolf De Wet was born in 1854 at Leuconkop, in the Southfield District of South Africa. He was intense in his hostility to British control. During the later stages of the Boer war in 1899 he fought a formidable adversary to the British.

Shortly after the outbreak of the World War he headed a rebellion in the Orange Free State and western Transvaal, which was suppressed. He was tried, and in June, 1915, convicted of treason and sentenced to six years' imprisonment with a fine of \$10,000. He was released, however, after being confined only six months.

Upper Darby to Open Bids for Bonds The Township Commissioners of Upper Darby will tomorrow evening open the Upper Darby Bond Office bids for \$200,000 township bonds, approved at the November election. Fifty thousand dollars is for a new township hall, and the balance is for a new water supply system.

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