...ney Had to Agree to Disarm Before This Limpin' Limrick Contest Began—See Page ...

THE WEATHER
Fair and colder tonight and Wednesday; temperature falling to about 25 degrees by morning; fresh winds.

TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5
33	33	35	37	36	38	39	38	37	

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...CKER APPROVED AS PORT COLLECTOR BY SENATOR PEPPER

Name of City Purchasing Agent Sent to Secretary Mellon for $8000 Post

PRESIDENT AND SENATE EXPECTED TO GIVE O. K.

Senator Pepper today recommended the appointment of A. Lincoln Acker, City Purchasing Agent, as Collector of Customs here, to succeed William H. Berry, Democratic incumbent.

The recommendation was sent to Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, who is expected to approve it and send Mr. Acker's name to President Harding for nomination.

Mr. Acker said this afternoon he had not been notified of Senator Pepper's recommendation, and knew nothing about it. He did not indicate whether he would accept the appointment if tendered. Collector of the Port pays $8000 a year. As City Purchasing Agent Mr. Acker receives $10,000 yearly.

Although active in politics for years, Mr. Acker has never sought political preferment. On several occasions he has declined to take places and run for offices offered him by leaders of the Republican party.

Is Native of Philadelphia

Mr. Acker was born in this city, February 25, 1865. He was the son of a clergyman, and the descendant of a long line of sturdy Americans. His ancestors fought in the Revolutionary War.

He entered Central High School after having attended the public grammar schools and was a member of the '79 class. For years he has been a member of the board of managers of the Central High School Alumni. He did not graduate with his class, leaving school in his junior year to go into business with his brother, the late Finley Acker.

At the start Mr. Acker was "general all-round boy" in his brother's grocery store, earning $3 a week. When the Acker company was incorporated more than twenty years ago he became vice president and general manager, and when Finley Acker died became president of the concern.

Mr. Acker for years was the recognized Republican leader of the Thirty-fourth Ward. When the Weaver cabinet was reorganized after Mr. Weaver broke with "Ix" Durham in 1905, Mr. Acker was made Director of Public Works. He resigned after two years to give his whole attention to his private affairs. During the time he was in office he succeeded in introducing modern business methods in the department.

Refused to Run for Mayor

In 1906 Mr. Acker was urged to become a candidate for Mayor, but declined on account of his business interests.

He was mentioned again when candidates were being groomed for the last mayoralty race. For a time he was regarded as the likely candidate on the Independent ticket. He had the strong backing of a group of Penrose ward leaders interested in the Republican Alliance. He declined once more to enter the race.

Between 1912 and 1915 Mr. Acker served as Sheriff. He was a delegate to the Republican National Conventions which nominated McKinley, Roosevelt and Taft.

His appointment as City Purchasing Agent, in December of 1919, under the new city charter, was generally acceptable to political leaders and business men alike. In this position he has introduced important economies in purchasing the supplies needed by the city.

Mr. Acker is a member of many organizations, among them the Union League, the Sons of the Revolution, Pennsylvania Historical Society, and various Masonic organizations. He is a widower.

ANASTASE IS INCOGNITO

Is With Bride in Canada as "Mr. and Mrs. Pringle"

Anastase Andrevitch Vonsiatskoy-Vonsiatsky, Russian workman of the Baldwin Locomotive Works at Eddystone, and his wealthy bride, who was Mrs. Marion Ream Stephens, of Chicago, are honeymooning in Quebec, dispatches say.

They were discovered today, it is reported, at the Chateau Frontenac, Quebec, where they were registered under the name of "Mr. and Mrs. Pringle," of New York.

The couple eluded newspaper men in leaving New York last Friday night after a hurried wedding, performed the day before schedule.

Meanwhile the "love nest" at Ridley Park is being made ready for their arrival, which is expected to be soon, as Anastase, it is said, does not intend to stay away from work very long.

EDWARDS URGES PASSAGE OF FIVE-CENT FARE BILL

Calls on Legislature to Enact Simpson Measure

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 7.—Governor Edwards today, in a special message, called upon the Legislature to pass the bill introduced by Senator Simpson, Democratic minority leader, providing for the return to five-cent trolley fares in those cities which, prior to the war, had five-cent franchise contracts with the traction companies and which contracts were later upset by the courts.

"We are now rapidly returning to conditions approximating those before the war," the Governor said. "The prices of labor and materials are falling steadily, and it will only be a short time before the five-cent fare will be extremely profitable again. I therefore urge upon the Legislature the duty to add to the public utility statute the legislative declaration that this statute shall not be construed to authorize the fixing of any fare in excess of five cents for trolley transportation. The passage of the Simpson bill will accomplish this purpose."

APARTMENTS TO SUIT EVERY PURSE
Need best every requirement may be found by consulting the Apartments classified on pages 38 and 24.—Adv.

May Be Drowned

EVELYN NESBIT THAW
Who may have been drowned in the Potomac, as the body of a woman resembling her has been found there

THINK BODY THAT OF EVELYN THAW

Woman Drowned in Potomac Resembles Actress Said to Be Missing

CASE OF SUICIDE INDICATED

By the Associated Press

Washington, Feb. 7. — Seeing a marked resemblance between the features of a woman whose body was found yesterday in the Potomac River and photographs of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, former actress, who was recently reported to have disappeared from her New York home, Washington police today asked police authorities of New York to co-operate in efforts to identify the body.

The body was found three miles below the Seventh street wharf here, and is that of a stylishly attired woman about thirty years of age. When discovered it was floating in midstream partially incased in ice, and the authorities believed it had been in the river probably three weeks.

Police expressed the belief that the woman had fallen or jumped from one of the bridges across the Potomac. A policeman first noticed the resemblance to the actress and photographs obtained from newspaper offices and theatres showed the likeness to be striking.

While the local police were of the opinion it might be a vain clue to the woman's identity, they decided nevertheless to ask the assistance of the New York authorities.

New York, Feb. 7.—(By A. P.)—Finding of a body in the Potomac said to resemble that of Evely Nesbit Thaw today recalled the fact that last October she had attempted suicide by poison.

Recently she was evicted from a tea room she had been running in the upper tenderloin district. Then she dropped from sight. At the time she took the poison she shouted the fact from her room and aid was quickly rendered. She has frequently been in the limelight since her husband, Harry K. Thaw, killed Stanford White in Madison Square Garden in 1906.

While the police asserted today that they had received no official information concerning the woman's disappearance from the city, lawyers who represented her, in efforts to stay eviction from her tearoom, said they hadn't received a word from her since the case was disposed of, and professed ignorance of her whereabouts.

MRS. ROSIER WINS POINT IN FIGHT FOR STEPSON

Habeas Corpus Writ Granted to Produce Child in Court

Oscar Rosier, Jr., the nine-year-old son of Oscar Rosier, advertising man slain by his wife, will be produced in Municipal Court Thursday on a writ of habeas corpus in an attempt made by Mrs. Catherine Rosier to regain custody of the child.

President Judge Brown, of the Municipal Court, granted a writ of habeas corpus today at the request of John R. K. Scott, Mrs. Rosier's attorney. The writ is directed to Frank Schrenk, who has the boy at his home and is sending him to school.

Mrs. Rosier's attorneys previously demanded the child from Mr. Schrenk. Mr. Scott declared at the time that Mr. Schrenk obtained the child by means "that approached kidnapping."

At the time Mrs. Rosier shot and killed her husband and his stenographer, Miss Mildred Reckitt, Oscar, Jr., was living at the Rosier home at Stonehurst. When Mrs. Rosier was arrested, the child was cared for by his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Sue Reid, of Atlantic City, who will have charge of him again if the court turns the child over to his stepmother.

Mr. Schrenk has asked the Orphans' Court to appoint a legal guardian for the boy. Mrs. Rosier opposed this request through her attorneys on the ground that Mr. Schrenk had no legal right to apply to the Orphans' Court in the boy's behalf.

Assistant District Attorney Maurice J. Speiser has been selected to prosecute Mrs. Rosier for the murder of her husband and his stenographer. No definite announcement has been made as to when an indictment against Mrs. Rosier will be presented to the Grand Jury.

ASK RECEIVER FOR CYCLE CO.

Davis Sewing Machine Co. Charges Philadelphia Firm Is Bankrupt

The Davis Sewing Machine Company, as a creditor, has asked for receivership for the Haverford Cycle Company, 503 Market street.

The sewing-machine company alleges about $82,000 due.

HAVANA RESULTS

FIRST RACE, for four-year-olds and upward, claiming, purse $700, 6 furlongs:
1. Cortez, 112, Kennedy..... 3-2 3-5 1-3
2. Lieut. Wm. J. Murray, 107, Connors 8-1 4-5 2-5
3. Altamesha, 115, Dominick.. 8-1 3-1 8-5
Time, 1:17 4-5. Shy Ann, Prospero's Baby, Dixie Girl, Parol and Little Russ also ran.

15 TO 20 BELIEVED DEAD IN HOTEL FIRE AT RICHMOND, VA.

Guests Leap From Windows. At Least 25 Injured, Score Unaccounted For

SEVERAL BURIED BY WALL; OTHER BUILDINGS BURN

By the Associated Press

Richmond, Va., Feb. 7.—Three persons are known to have lost their lives in a fire early today which destroyed the Lexington Hotel, and it is believed by the police that the death toll will reach between fifteen and twenty.

Seventy-two persons were guests in the hotel when the fire broke out and more than a score of them are unaccounted for. At least twenty-five persons are known to have been injured, some of them severely.

Many of the guests were injured by leaping from the windows when the flames crept close to them and the stairways and other means of exit were cut off. A wall to which the fire-escape was attached collapsed and is believed to have entombed several persons.

Other Buildings Burned

The flames quickly spread to the Savings Bank of Richmond, the Pearl Laundry, the Co-Operative Exchange, the Anderson-Wilson paper plant and the Clyde W. Saunders printing plant, all of which were badly damaged. The loss was estimated at $150,000.

The known dead are:

Hiram B. Austin, Fincastle, Va.

M. J. Fox, Williamsport, Pa.

C. M. Thomas, Sheriff of Albemarle County, Virginia.

Among those reported probably fatally injured are:

John R. Cochran, lumberman, New York.

James Folden, traveling salesman, Patton, W. Va.

The revised list of the other injured includes the following out-of-State persons:

M. Austin, Philadelphia.

Mrs. Clara Cochran, New York.

A. H. Harrison, St. Louis, Mo., fractured leg and lacerations on head.

J. S. Harivall, Portland, Me., broken leg and broken ankle.

Andrew Gallas, Buffalo, N. Y., broken back.

H. Dodd, New York City, broken back.

J. E. Ford, Rocky Mount, N. C., lacerations.

William O. Bailey, New York City, bruises about the body.

Paul Brigoni, New York City, right hip lacerated.

David H. Pitts, member of the Virginia House of Delegates, who lived in the hotel, was seriously injured in jumping from a window.

Flames Roar Up Shaft

The hotel stood at Twelfth and Main streets and was once one of the leading hostelries in Richmond.

"I was at the desk when I saw the smoke and fire creeping up the fire escape from the basement," said R. D. Frey, clerk of the Lexington. "I grabbed the telephone, but it was out of order. I was therefore delayed slightly in sending in the alarm. I told the boy to go upstairs and notify as many of the guests as had not been awakened. The smoke and heat was intense, and I do not know how many he was able to arouse. When I got back from turning in the alarm the flames were roaring up the elevator shaft.

"It seems that few sought the fire

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EXPECT U. S. TO ACCEPT INVITATION TO GENOA

Harding to Make Public His Reply This Week

Washington, Feb. 7.—(By A. P.)—The reply of the United States Government to the invitation that it participate in the international economic conference at Genoa will be made public this week, it was indicated at the White House. No indication was given as to the nature of the reply, but it was the belief today in official circles that it would be, in effect, an acceptance.

It was said that the President hoped to announce America's formal reply Friday at his conference with representatives of the press. The long delay in replying to Italy's invitation was in no way connected with consideration of the bill before Congress for funding the Allied debts, officials declared today.

THINKS SOLDIER'S STORY OF FIRING SQUAD A DREAM

Colonel Believes Tale of Execution in France Imaginative

Washington, Feb. 7.—(By A. P.)—The suggestion that George W. Yarbrough, of Roanoke, Ala., "dreamed" he witnessed the shooting of an American soldier by a firing squad in France was made today before a Senate investigating committee by Colonel Holstead Dorey, of the Fourth Infantry, who denied that he ever heard of such an incident.

Testifying recently, Yarbrough declared he saw the soldier shot by the squad north of the Argonne and that he was close enough to hear him beg that he be not blindfolded.

Called along with some twenty-odd witnesses who were in that locality in July, 1918, the time of the alleged shooting, Colonel Dorey said that harrowing experiences at the front often caused soldiers to make statements in good faith as to events which never happened and which existed only in their imagination.

Four other army officers, who served near Chateau Thierry or passed through the French town of Joulgonne, testified they never heard of any illegal shootings. They all stated that any such incident would undoubtedly have come to their attention in one way or another. Nine civilians, some former service men of the Third Division, also denied hearing of any such acts while in France.

ROOMS AND BOARDING TO FIT YOUR purse in advertising. See page 24.—Adv.

Lim'rickers Seem to Be Mighty Glad of Contest

They've Rushed In Enthusiastically With Last Lines for First Limpin' Verse Printed Saturday

Well, you Lim'rick fans don't seem to have lost any of your enthusiasm since the last contest.

Judging from the last lines to Saturday's Lim'rick that have come in, you were just waiting until we started it again. Looks as if you like 'em.

So we're off now in full swing. The first jury will meet on Thursday to sit in judgment on last Saturday's verse, and on Saturday next we'll announce the winner, and he—or she—will get a check for ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS. That'll be a pretty good day's work.

Then, every day thereafter, we'll print the winner of another Limpin' Lim'rick and send out another check, and so we'll spread enjoyment and fame and happiness and money all around Philadelphia.

Lim'rick writing is the easiest thing in the world, once you get the hang of it. And the way this contest is conducted gives everybody, old or young, rich or poor, educated or uneducated, a chance at the prize.

Every day we print the first four lines of a verse written in the rhythm that is better known than any other form. All you have to do is to write a fifth line that will give the incomplete thought some odd or clever twist and you are a candidate for the money.

Of course, the last line must rhyme with the first two lines of the printed verse and must have the same swing as they have. But everybody who knows anything at all knows that.

Some of the limericks that are familiar all over the world will do as samples. Take, for instance, that famous one:

There once was a lady from Niger
Who smiled as she rode on a tiger;
They came back from the ride
With the lady inside
And the smile on the face of the tiger.

During the last contest, we had a lot of "kicks" from unsuccessful contestants who objected because we made

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RECEIVER IS NAMED FOR S. N. HALL & CO.

Brokers in Pennsylvania Building Owe $200,000, Have Only $40,000, Is Charge

CREDITORS START ACTION

A receiver took possession of the office of Samuel N. Hall & Co., bankers and brokers, Room 200, Pennsylvania Building, a few minutes after he was appointed this afternoon by Federal Judge Dickinson, following an involuntary petition in bankruptcy filed by Henry N. Wessel, attorney representing several creditors.

Mr. Wessel informed Judge Dickinson that the company owed about $200,000 and had assets of only $40,000.

The receiver is Elmer D. Simon, who hurried with Mr. Wessel, immediately after the court action, to take possession of the office.

In explaining the need of immediate action, Wessel said that many of the creditors were demanding the return of the collateral they had deposited, and that he feared that there would be a run on the office if the receiver did take charge. He said that this fear was based on rumors that were being circulated concerning the condition of the affairs of the company.

The members of the firm are Samuel N. Hall and Samuel R. Kirkpatrick.

It was stated in the petition that Hall and Kirpatrick had made an admission today that the concern is insolvent.

TO APPEAL JACKEL CASE

Supreme Court Will Rule on Motion for New Trial

Counsel for George Jackel, under sentence of death for murder, announced today they will appeal to the State Supreme Court in order to test the authority of the trial Judge who refused to grant a new trial.

Jackel's attorneys raise the point that Judges Patterson and Davis disagreed with the view of their associate, Judge Rogers, who presided at the Jackel trial.

The convicted man was a companion of Harry Lessner, also under sentence of death, who shot and killed Isadore Rabinowitz during a hold-up on South Seventh street.

It was testified that Jackel had not fired a shot, but it was held that as he was with Lessner and was committing a felony when the man was killed, he was equally guilty of murder.

CUT ARMY, BORAH URGES

Also Demands Recall of U. S. Troops From Rhine

Washington, Feb. 7.—(By A. P.)—Immediate translation of the work of the Arms Conference into a reduction in governmental expenditures was called for by Senator Borah, in a formal statement today, in which he declared a further cut in the army should be had and the troops returned from the Rhine at once.

P. R. R. PAYMASTER ROBBED

Satchel Containing $4719 Seized in Baltimore Yards

Baltimore, Feb. 7.—(By A. P.)—Charles H. Howell, a paymaster of the Pennsylvania Railroad, was robbed today of a satchel containing $4719 by two white men who pounced upon him inside the railroad yards at Mount Royal avenue and North street.

The bandits scampered up a bank at the side of the tracks and escaped in an automobile.

REPRIEVE SINN FEINERS

Three Under Death Sentence Get Lease of Life

Belfast, Feb. 7.—(By A. P.)—The three Sinn Fein prisoners under sentence of death upon conviction of the murder of two constables in the Londonderry jail last December have been granted reprieves, it was announced today.

The cases of these men did not come under the general amnesty proclamation.

Receiver for Grocers' Exchange

Wilmington, Del., Feb. 7.—(By A. P.)—Chancellor Wolcott has appointed Thomas E. Jefferis receiver of the Retail Grocers' Exchange, Inc., and Harry R. Boynton and Harry W. Frazer appraisers. Receiver Jefferis was required to bond in the sum of $100,000. A receiver was appointed on complaint of Harry Cohen.

DO YOU NEED A BABY CARRIAGE, OR A stove or anything else for the house? Perhaps it's in the For Sale column today on page 38 and 24.—Adv.

CRAWFORD FAVORS PARKWAY FAIR SITE

Art Jury Head Heard at First Public Hearing on Exposition Location

UNITY IS URGED BY MAYOR

The selection of the Parkway-Fairmount Park site for the 1926 Sesqui-Centennial was strongly urged today by Andrew Wright Crawford, secretary of the Art Jury, at the first public hearing on proposed sites.

A crowd which overflowed into the corridor jammed the Mayor's spacious reception room on the second floor of City Hall as Mayor Moore and the Executive Committee of the Sesqui-Centennial heard the arguments of site advocates.

The Mayor opened the session at 2:30 o'clock and said:

"There is probably no matter which has come up in the last decade or is likely to come up in the next decade which is fraught with so much importance to the city, the State, the Nation, and even the world as this exposition, properly worked out.

To Be Peace Celebration

"Let me impress on you the tremendous significance of the event and the great importance of a unified effort toward the end that there will be such a demonstration of world progress and activity as will make for enduring peace in the world, and in a practical way cement the good will of all countries, following the successful conclusion of the Conference on Limitation of Armament which was called by President Harding."

The audience greeted this opening speech with vigorous applause. Mr. Crawford then was introduced.

Mr. Crawford gave as a reason for the selection of the Parkway-Fairmount Park site that four important buildings would be virtually contributed to the fair, with no expense to the exposition management. These are the buildings to be used as the Art Museum, the Philadelphia Free Library, the Auditorium or Victory Hall, and the Municipal Courts Building.

City to Get Buildings

"These splendid buildings could be used as parts of the exposition," he said. "Then, at the close of the fair, they could be put to the use for which they were designed. There would be no erecting and tearing down there.

"Then the Federal Government could be asked to erect a building along the Parkway for the use of the Federal Court. This could also be used as part of the exposition.

"There has been talk of putting up a State office building in Philadelphia. The Parkway would be a good location. This would mean another fine structure for use in connection with the exposition. Here we have six large buildings to begin with, buildings which will be an ornament to Philadelphia after the close of the fair.

"But that is by no means the end of possibilities in this line. The city needs a larger Commercial Museum. This building could be put up in connection

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MERCURY TO DROP TONIGHT TO 25, WEATHERMAN SAYS

Strong Northwest Gale to Bring Chill—Storm Rages Off Capes

A strong gale from the Northwest will descend upon the city this evening and send the mercury down to twenty-five degrees or lower.

That is the "cold wave" warning sent out by the Weather Bureau here today.

While Philadelphia received the "ragged edge" of a snowstorm this morning, the heaviest storm of the winter raged off the Delaware Capes.

Coast guard crews have doubled their patrols and several tugs have been called to quarters, ready to put to sea at a minute's notice.

Farmers in South Jersey report that the snow is not drifting badly, but that the use of automobiles is almost impossible. The farmers were happy over the depth of the snow because of the benefit to April wheat.

The Weather Bureau here says tomorrow will be clear and colder.

TRIES TO END OWN LIFE

Ontario Street Woman Slashes Throat With Bread Knife

An attempt at suicide was made this afternoon by Mrs. Bertha Kaplin, 2022 West Ontario street. Her throat had been cut by a bread knife when she was found by the police.

She was found at 2 o'clock and was taken to the Samaritan Hospital, where physicians say her condition is serious.

GARLAND AND WIFE HERE FROM BOSTON AS HAPPY AS EVER

"Soul Twins and Triplets" in Discard as Millionaire Travels With First Love

STICKS TO TATTERED TOGS ON MISSION OF MYSTERY

Charles Garland, eccentric young Boston millionaire, who believes in "soul twins"—and "soul triplets," too—came to Philadelphia today with his wife.

That's a large statement, for Charles Garland. He admits the lady is his wife, and she admits it, but further than that neither he nor she has anything to say.

Garland achieved notoriety when Lillian Conrad, Philadelphia girl, told the world that she was his "soul twin." Garland himself declared that in his opinion the man who truly could love two women had a more expansive soul than the man whose heart was unalterably given to one.

He went a step further, and registered his burning faith in the magnanimity of the man who could love not only two, but three. Not long after Miss Doris Benson, also of Boston, put Garland in this enviable class by announcing she was Garland's "soul triplet."

The fact that Garland is here with his mere wife sounds prosaic, but takes on importance in view of the fact that Mrs. Garland declared she would have nothing to do with her husband, until he got rid of this litter of loves.

Still Rebels Against Wealth

Garland and his wife arrived at 7:45 o'clock this morning from Boston. The millionaire is still expressing his rebellion against wealth—which he accepted only for the sake of his child, he said, by wearing clothes that look like a penance.

When he got off the train at Broad Street Station he was all dolled up in a soiled and wrinkled suit of old corduroys with knickerbockers. He had a nondescript cap on his tumbled hair and wore an old gray overcoat, which hung straight and limp from his broad, square shoulders. On his feet was a battered pair of scuffed brown army shoes. If he had any of his million or so along it did not show on his back.

Garland is a tall and rangy man, lithe and lean, with very square, broad shoulders. He has a dark face, with hollow cheeks, and deepset eyes. He wears a dinky little mustache carefully trained at the ends. Though apparently good at making love, he had nothing to say for publication.

His wife is much shorter than he is. She is pretty, and was neatly dressed, without any great attempt at style. She wore a long ulster over a plain suit.

The Garlands' plans and their reason for visiting Philadelphia were kept carefully to themselves. They did a bit of sightseeing on Market street, but re-

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Loved Wm. D. Taylor

MARY MILES MINTER
Who admits penning a scented "I Love You" note, with many kisses indicated, to William Desmond Taylor, slain motion picture director

SUIT AGAINST MISSISSIPPI GOVERNOR SET FOR MAY

Girl Asking $100,000 Reported in Pitiable Physical Plight

Jackson, Miss., Feb. 7.—(By A. P.)—The $100,000 damage suit filed against Governor Lee M. Russell by Miss Francis C. Birkhead, of New Orleans, alleging seduction, will be called for trial at the May term of the Federal Court.

Miss Birkhead is in New Orleans and is said to be a hopeless invalid as a result of the two operations.

In a lengthy statement issued last night, bitterly denouncing the charge of Miss Birkhead as "an infamous blackmail," Governor Russell said that Howard Williams, editor of the Hattiesburg American, and John R. Tally, a prominent attorney of that city, have been Miss Birkhead's chief counselors of late.

Mr. Tally issued a denial, but Mr. Williams, in a statement, said:

"I saw Miss Birkhead last summer and she told me her story. I did not advise or counsel with Miss Birkhead in any way except to tell her that her story could not be handled unless it was made a matter of record in the courts. The woman was in destitute circumstances and in a pitiable physical plight. Further than this, I know nothing about her troubles."

"I LOVE YOU," MISS MINTER TOLD TAYLOR

Perfumed Note, With Beautiful Young Actress' Fervid Declaration, Found by Police

SHE ADMITS AFFECTION FOR MURDERED DIRECTOR

Suspect at Elko, Nev., Thought to Be Sands, Is Released

FOUND NOT TO BE MAN

Mabel Normand Explains "Blessed Baby" Letters Film Man Wrote to Her

Los Angeles, Calif., Feb. 7.—A scented note dropped from one of Taylor's books while police detectives were making an examination of his effects, according to the Los Angeles Examiner. It was on the butterfly monogrammed stationery of Mary Miles Minter and read as follows:

"Dearest—I love you—I love you—I love you.

"x x x x x x x x!

"Yours always

"MARY."

The last "x" was two inches in height followed by an exclamation point an inch in height.

Admits She Loved Him

Mary Miles Minter did not deny authorship of the letter, according to the Examiner.

"I did love William Taylor," she said. "I loved him deeply and tenderly with all the admiration and respect a young girl gives to a man with the poise and culture of Mr. Taylor."

Taylor and Miss Minter met at Santa Barbara two years ago. He was her director. They later went to New York with the company.

(It was noted when Miss Minter visited Taylor's apartment with her mother the day his body was found, that the young actress was weeping bitterly.)

Used School Girl's Code

Among Taylor's effects were found two letters written in a well-known school girl code of straight lines and dots. One of these, deciphered, reads as follows:

"I love you—oh, I love you.

"I had to come down because mamma remarked that I always 'seemed to feel rather happy after being out with you.' So here I am. Camouflage.

"Furthermore, I am feeling unusually fine—more camouflage.

"I will see you later. God love you as I do."

Police announced today that no warrant on a murder charge has been issued against Edward F. Sands, former butler-secretary, and declared to be the most important witness sought in connection with the murder.

Police Description of Sands

The following description of Edward F. Sands, sought by the Los Angeles police as the most important witness in connection with the murder last Wednesday night of William Desmond Taylor, was given out by the police here today:

"Edward F. Sands, American, about twenty-six years old. Height, five feet seven or eight inches. Weight, rather heavy build; at one time 195 pounds. Recently lost weight and believed something between 175 and 195 pounds, but noticeably stout, of heavy build.

"Round face, light complexion. Hair brown, quite heavy and straight, not curly or wavy. Not known to be cut very close, always rather bushy. Heavy eyebrows, short nose. Peculiar looking mouth; when closed seems quite small.

"Usually well dressed.

"Smokes cigarettes incessantly. Fairly well educated, sufficient to appear as a scholar. Makes impression as well-groomed. Possibly appearing a little like a foreigner. Speech may possibly be said to have a slight touch of English or Canadian.

"Fine penman, formerly a clerk or bookkeeper. Two felony warrants are issued in Los Angeles against him, one on a charge of grand larceny and another on a charge of burglary.

"Served in the American navy and is likely to use any name, as police believe that he has used several."

Peace officers throughout the country are requested to seek Sands, police said.

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TWO HOUSE COMMITTEES INVITED TO WHITE HOUSE

Discussion of Arms Conference Treaties Expected at Dinner

Washington, Feb. 7.—Representative Darrow was invited this morning with other members of the House Steering and Naval Affairs Committees to attend a dinner, followed by a conference, at the White House tonight.

The purpose of the meeting is supposed to relate to the treaties of the Arms Conference and measures for putting into effect some of their provisions. For several days leaders have been discussing plans for a resolution requesting the President to cancel immediately all contracts for vessels which will be scrapped under the terms of the naval treaty. Suggestions are pending also for stopping as much land work as possible and for reducing the naval personnel.

Hearings on these matters have been planned before the House Naval Affairs Committee, to start in a few days. Leaders hold legislation is necessary before the Sub-Committee on Naval Appropriations can effect desired reductions.

DO YOU WANT A JOB... THERE ARE plenty of them in the Help Wanted columns. Read them every day.—Adv.

BASKETBALL SCORES

Friends Cent. girls. 13	—	Fr. Cent. girls 2d... 28	—
Gordon Roney girls. 12	—	Gord. Roney girls 2d 3	—
Chest Hill Ac. 2d... 21	—	Narberth H. girls.. 7	—
Haverford H. 2d... 13	—	Abington H. girls.. 4	—

ADDITIONAL RACING RESULTS

HAVANA—Second—Acosta, 2-1, 3-5, 1-3, won; Fictile, 6-1, 5-2, 6-5, second; Sun Girl, 8-1, 3-1, 8-5, third. Time, 1.11 2-5. Last Girl, Foul Weather, Mary D., Moon Winks, Athgarven also ran.

NEW ORLEANS—First—Miracle Man, 13-5, even, 3-5, won; Barracuda, 7-2, 7-5, 7-10, second; Hickory, 30-1, 12-1, 6-1, third. Time, 1.10 2-5. Hermoden, Margie, Ever Bold, Immokalee, Oreadia, Complimentary, Mr. Grafter, Execution, Lou Lichtenheim also ran.

ARREST IN TAYLOR MURDER CASE TO BE MADE LATE TODAY; WILL NOT BE SANDS

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 7.—The sheriff's office, which has been conducting an independent investigation into the murder of William Desmond Taylor, which, it was previously said was on the theory of a woman in the case, announced that an arrest would be made late today and that it would not be Sands.

SMASHED BROKERS BLAME DIER FAILURE

Bryan A. Hermes, attorney for Samuel N. Hall & Co., bankers and brokers, whose business went into the hands of a receiver today, said that the failure was due to the destroying of confidence among the customers of the firm resulting from the failure of E. D. Dier & Co. He denied that the concern had in any way her $15,000 damages.

WRIGLEY MUST PAY TAYLOR'S WIDOW $15,000

The jury in the damage case of Mrs. Charlotte May Tayler, against former Magistrate Byron H. Wrigley, returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff at 3.40 o'clock this afternoon and awarded her $15,000 damages.

SOUTH AFRICA CALMS DOWN

Reversal of Sentiment for Republic Now Indicated

London, Feb. 7.—(By A. P.)—Dispatches from South Africa today report the apparent calming down of the mine strike situation, at least in so far as it had resulted in demands for the proclamation of a republic. A Johannesburg message says another mass-meeting held there on Monday developed a reversal of feeling against the resolution passed by Sunday's meeting favoring a republic.

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ENDS LIFE WITH RIFLE

Engineering Student and Ex-Service Man Kills Himself

Pittsburgh, Feb. 7.—(By A. P.)—Miles R. Bryan, a student in the engineering department of the Carnegie Institute of Technology, killed himself with an army rifle at the home of his mother today.

Bryan, who was formerly a student at Pennsylvania State College, served in the World War in the 111th Infantry and never fully recovered from a wound he received in action.

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