

## **MOTHER IS SATISFIED THELMA TODD DEATH WAS AN ACCIDENT**

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 30.—[Special.]—Mrs. Alice Todd, mother of Thelma Todd, blonde actress found dead Dec. 16, denied before the grand jury today that she had charged her daughter was murdered. She told the jury she was convinced Thelma's death by monoxide poisoning was accidental.

Roland West, the actress' "best friend" and business associate, followed Mrs. Todd into the grand jury room. He was the last of the so-called key witnesses to be heard. The grand jury has indicated it would close its investigation soon.

Mrs. Todd corroborated the statement that her daughter had been subject to fainting spells, which was denied at the time of her death by her physician.

Harvey Priester, close friend of Thelma Todd, took Mrs. Todd's arm as she emerged from the grand jury room, weeping and obviously distraught. Deputy District Attorney Eugene Blalock said she had given the jury "nothing that hasn't been told."