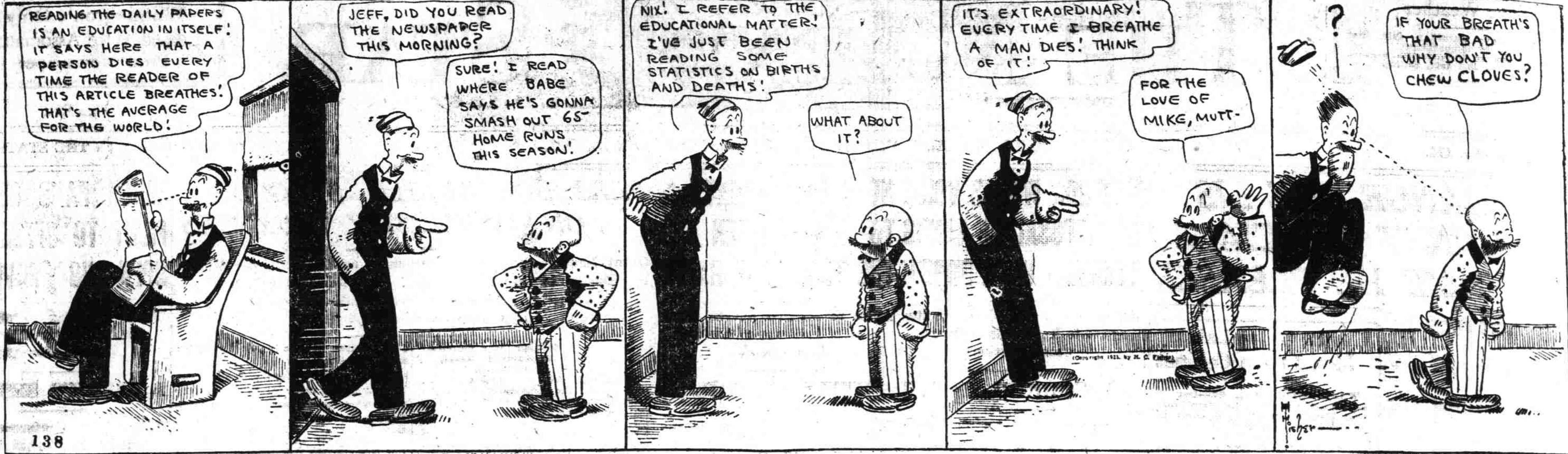


MUTT AND JEFF—Mutt learns one little thing each day.



TAKE UP QUESTION OF FUNDING ITALIAN DEBT

Wilson Administration, However, Will Leave Allied Debts to Successor WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The new Italian ambassador to the United States, Rolandi Ricci, was said today by Secretary Houston to have received authorization from his government, to take up with the United States the matter of funding Italy's debt of \$1,681,328,986 to the United States.

COURT APPROVES SALE OF ARMOUR YARD SHARES

Packing Company Permitted to Sell Interest in Stockyards to Prince & Co. WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Sale by Armour and company of its interest in the Chicago stockyards to F. H. Prince and company of Boston, was authorized today by the District of Columbia supreme court.

WANTS UNITED STATES TO PREVENT A CLASH

Panama Asks America to Use Good Offices in Central American Row WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The United States government was asked by Panama today to use its good offices to avoid any bloodshed in Central America growing out of the alleged invasion of Panama soil by Costa Rican troops.

Coney Tells the Story of His Pacific-to-Atlantic Air Trip

Makes Cross-Country Flight From San Diego to Jacksonville in 22 Hours and 27 Minutes in a Specially Constructed De Havilland Machine—Forced to Alight at Bronte, Texas, Account of Choked Gas Lines JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 24.—Zoooping down over Jacksonville and the hotel where his mother was slumbering at an early hour this morning, Lieut. William Devoe Coney, of the 1st Aero Squadron, U. S. A., made two circuits around the city so as to awaken his family and then dashed off to Pablo Beach where, at 7:27 a. m., he touched the sand with the wheels of his De Havilland, officially ending the coast-to-coast flight with a record of 22 hours and 27 minutes actual flying time.

JAPANESE PUBLIC OPINION OF EFFERVESCENT NATURE

TOKIO, Jan. 21.—(Correspondence Associated Press).—There is no public opinion in the world that is more effervescent than the public opinion of Japanese, says the Nichinichi in commenting on the Californian and Siberian questions. The Japanese people are a people who are easily excited, but the excitement fades away just as easily. This is not the attitude a

MARION-MULLINS CLUB

Proposed to Build Country Club House. (Special to The Star) MARION, S. C., Feb. 24.—At the meeting last night of the Marion and Mullins people held in the Marion chamber of commerce hall for the purpose of discussing the feasibility of a country club to be located on the Marion-Mullins road, a committee of five was appointed to investigate the matter of a site and to formulate a plan for organization.

OPEN STUDENT CONFERENCE TODAY

AT TRINITY COLLEGE TODAY TRINITY COLLEGE, Durham, Feb. 24.—Final preparations were made today for the convening of the student conference of the Southern Baptist Convention. Delegates from 25 normal and denominational colleges of the state will be in attendance.

STARVING CHINA SUCCEEDS EUROPE FOR AMERICAN AID

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—(By the Associated Press).—Starving China is expected immediately to succeed the children of Europe in the hearts of generous America, said Thomas W. Lamont, chairman of the China famine fund committee, in giving out today reports just received through the state department from Charles R. Crane, the American minister in Peking.

SOUTHERN TEXTILE MEN MERGE TWO ASSOCIATIONS

(Special to The Star) CHARLOTTE, Feb. 24.—At a two-day session, textile men from all parts of the south adjourned this afternoon following the merger of the Southern Spinners' association and the Southern Textile Men's association, which have been consolidated under the name of the Southern Consolidated Yarn Spinners' association. Robert Chapman, of Cheraw, S. C., was made president. The attendance was the largest in several years.

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TAKES GUN OFF DEFENDANT IN MATEWAN BATTLE CASE

WILLIAMSON, W. Va., Feb. 24.—Excitement was provided during the proceedings of the Matewan battle trial here today, when a state trooper took a pistol from Arch Williams, one of the nineteen defendants, and carried it to the table occupied by counsel for the state.

CONTRADICTS THEORY OF EUROPE'S FINANCIAL WEAKNESS

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—That Europe is in a position to finance extensive imports from the United States was contained in a statement issued today by John McHugh, vice-president of the Mechanical and Metals National Bank, and chairman of the organization committee of the Foreign Trade Financing corporation, which is expected to take a large part in maintaining and extending American commerce in the foreign field.

HARDING ATTENDS A SHOW AND HAS TO STAND UP

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Feb. 24.—The St. R. O. sign did not deter President-elect Harding tonight when he determined to make what will probably be his last visit to the theater before inauguration. Accompanied by George B. Christian, his secretary, and Dr. C. E. Sawyer, his physician, he shoved his way into a crowded little St. Augustine playhouse and stood for more than an hour laughing at the minstrel show.

THREE MORE CONVICTS IN BUILDING CONSPIRACY CASE

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—John T. Hatrick, lawyer, alleged author of the "code of practice" in plumbing trade here, and three co-defendants, were found guilty of coercion and conspiracy tonight by a jury in the court of general sessions.

Jewelry. FASHIONS and time-worn custom decree that Easter day is an appropriate occasion to make Gifts of Jewelry. Whomever these gifts be for, our present Easter layout of Rings, Watches, Bracelets, Necklaces and many other articles of Gold, Silver or Platinum will delight. See us today for many valuable suggestions. Our prices always please. Geo. W. Huggins Co. JEWELERS & WATCHMAKERS 105 Market Street

STATE LOSES TO THE V. M. I.

LEXINGTON, Va., Feb. 24.—Virginia Military Institute tonight defeated the basketball team of North Carolina State college, 45 to 20.

NEWBERRY DEFEATS FURMAN

GREENVILLE, S. C., Feb. 24.—In a well played game of basketball here tonight, Newberry college defeated Furman university, 34 to 24.

ANOTHER CAR STOLEN

The Ford sedan belonging to Tom Shepard was stolen from Princess street between Third and Fourth streets, last night while the owner was attending the wrestling match at the Academy. The car, practically new, had wire wheels, an extra one being carried on the rear. It was equipped with Hartford shock absorbers. The theft was reported to the police.

HORSE SHOE PITCHING BOUT

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Feb. 24.—Vincent Grady, Illinois state horse shoe pitching champion of Mara, broke the triple tie for first place in the tournament being conducted here for United States title when he defeated Stanifan Bonifant, of Ohio, 5-48 today.

Liberal Reward. For Information Leading to Return of BUICK AUTOMOBILE stolen from 315 South Fifth avenue Monday night, five-passenger, 1920 model, K-45, bearing license No. 125445, and serial number 595327; blue-black body, yellow wheels, two flat bumpers, extra tire on rear. Equipped with spotlight. P. H. BATTE MORNING STAR, PHONE 51