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MOVIE DIRECTOR'S SLAYER IS STILL PUZZLING SLEUTHS

Revenge, Hate and Unanswered Love All Being Considered By Police—After Sulking Man.

Los Angeles, Feb. 3.—Revenge, jealousy, hate and unanswered love were all considered by police today in their continued search for the slayer of William Desmond Taylor...

While the only meagre clue obtained thus far pointed chiefly to the commission of the crime by a man, detectives working on the case said they believed it possible that Taylor had been killed by a woman.

Their hunt has largely centered along three lines, it was said, that of the sulking figure of a man, seen around the director's apartment, both before and after neighbors heard the shot in the night; the whereabouts of a former servant arrested for alleged robbery of the director and reported to have threatened revenge; and the name of an anonymous letter in which were enclosed pawn tickets for articles stolen from Taylor.

Every person known to have been in or near the apartment where Taylor's body, with a bullet wound in the neck, was found yesterday are being closely questioned in search for a clue to the murder.

These persons included Mabel Norman, motion picture actress, Miss Norman, who as one of the last to see the director alive, told of a call she made at his apartment the night before in connection with a book Taylor loaned her. Her chauffeur corroborated her account of the visit which included the statement that Taylor had accompanied her to her automobile when she left.

Taylor had directed many actors prominent in the film world, including Miss Mary Miles Minter and Mary Pickford. Pictures of the two and that of Miss Norman were found in prominent places in his apartment.

DID YOU KNOW WHAT THE W STOOD FOR?

Do you know what the W. in Mayor Strachan's names stands for or the C. in C. I. Jones?

Well, neither did several of their fellow members of the Kiwanis club know, when called on to call the first name of the members of the club at the luncheon today.

However several guesses established the C. in Jones' name as standing for Charles and finally someone was reached who knew that the W. in the Mayor's name stood for nothing else but Waverly.

The club heard from N. W. Collett, Dr. J. W. Zimmerman, Jake West and Francis Griffith, all new members, and Rev. E. W. Waggoner pastor of the First Reformed church, and Dr. Tom Jimsen, pastor of the Methodist church at Spencer.

TWO VOTES FAIL TO ELECT A NEW POPE

Rome, Feb. 3.—Voting for the election of a pope to succeed Benedict XV was begun by the conclave of the sacred college today. Two ballots had been taken up to one o'clock this afternoon, on neither of which did any cardinal receive a sufficient number of votes to elect him.

The steamship, President Wilson, bringing Cardinal O'Connell to Rome before next Monday morning, the company received a wireless message today showing this.

BRITAIN GETS BIG DOCK

Hamburg, Feb. 3.—What is said to be the world's largest floating dry dock has been towed out of this port for Southampton. It is part of the preparation for sinking of the German fleet at Scapa Flow.

LANDLORD IN COWSHED

Leicester, Eng., Feb. 3.—Though he owns four houses, William West of Thornton is living in a cowshed with his wife and six children. Under the present law he cannot obtain possession of his property.

HOPES FOR PRINCESS

London, Feb. 3.—Joan Lindley, six, of Aldershot, has sent this letter to Princess Mary: "Dear Princess Mary—I hope you will be very very happy and that Mr. Lassells will be very kind to you.—Joan."

London bridge has a rent roll of \$750,000 a year.

But there are no bills in the dead letter office.

In Central Africa fatness is considered beauty. This is where cannibals love their fellow men.

CAN'T PROPERLY KILL THOSE SENTENCED TO DIE ON MEAGRE PAY

Berlin, Feb. 3.—The public executioners at Karlsruhe and Baden, following the lead of their comrades at Mannheim have notified the ministry of justice that they will go on strike unless the pay is increased. They declare it impossible to behead criminals properly at the present prices.

PRESIDENT CHASE ROASTS TAR BABY

Says Editors Seek to Impress Public That it is a University Publication.

Chapel Hill, Feb. 3.—President H. W. Chase of the University of North Carolina, in a letter sent to the high schools in the state declares that the Tar Baby, a Chapel Hill publication, is in no way connected with the University of North Carolina, and charges the editors with attempting to convey the impression that it does.

The President's remarks were made as a result of a letter sent by the Editors of the Tar Baby to the High schools in the state offering prizes for matter printed in the High school issue of the magazine to be printed soon.

President Chase's letter reads: "The Tar Baby is not a University of North Carolina publication. It is a private business enterprise. Mr. Abernethy has not been a student here for some time and whatever students are associated with the publication are employed as private individuals by the company, not as delegated representatives of the student body."

"The Tar Baby" is not in any way supported, controlled, authorized by either the student body or the faculty, or any group thereof. Some months ago a statement to that effect was made by us through the press, and in the columns of The Alumni Review. The authorized student publications of the University of North Carolina are "The Tar Heel," "Carolina Magazine," and "Yachetyack."

"The Tar Baby" was instructed by me on November fifth in writing to remove from its letter heads the line "University of North Carolina," and legal steps are now being taken to ensure compliance with those instructions.

"The propositions made the high schools of the State were made without any knowledge or sanction of the University authorities, and the University can in no way assume responsibility for their fulfillment."

"The character of certain of the material which has appeared from time to time in 'The Tar Baby' is such as the University sincerely deprecates, and with which it is thoroughly unwilling to have its name, or the name of the student body associated. The University has, as stated above, no connection with and no control over the publication, and hopes that you will give proper publicity in your school to this fact."

The Tar Baby was founded in the fall of 1919, the editors in that time intending to make it a student publication. The first few issues of the magazine received much commendation and praise, and the publishers were highly complimented for the excellent material appearing in the humorous publication. Henry Stephens of Asheville was the first editor of the magazine.

At that time the magazine was published and edited by students of the University, and was generally considered a University student publication, and as such it became popular throughout the State and South. Since that time the magazine has been incorporated as a private business enterprise, and the men the students of the University no longer were registered in college.

MURDERER TO DIE

New York, Feb. 3.—Luther Boddy, negro, who killed two police detectives on January 25, today was sentenced to die in the electric chair at Sing Sing during the week of March 18.

COTTON MARKET

Cotton Somewhat Irregular. New York, Feb. 3.—The cotton market was somewhat irregular at the opening today, first prices being 7 points lower to 15 points higher with near months relative easy under realizing. Liverpool was better, however, and the market soon firm up on renewed covering by near months, shorts and trade buying of new crop deliveries. May sold up to 17.01 and December to 15.81 shortly after the call, making net advances of 15 to 23 points.

OPENING STEADY

New York, Feb. 3.—Cotton futures opened steady. March 16.80 May 16.50 July 16.09 October 15.61 December unquoted

CONCORD MARKET

Concord, Feb. 3.—Cotton sold for 15 cents on the local market.

HOUSE ACCEPTS REFUND DEBT BILL

Now Goes to President and He Will Appoint Commission to Negotiate With Countries.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The senate amendments to the allied debt refunding bill as passed by the house today, the measure now goes to the president, who is expected to appoint soon the commission which will open negotiations with the debtor nations.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The administration's objection to the allied debt refunding bill as passed by the senate was discussed at the White House conference today between President Harding and Chairman Fordney of the house ways and means committee. It is understood the matter was brought up later at the regular cabinet meeting. While the president and Secretary Mellon are dissatisfied with the provision requiring refunding obligations to measure in not more than 25 years and interest rate not to be below 5 per cent, Mr. Mellon has taken the position that if elimination of these provisions will cause any drawn out differences between the house and senate he would rather go ahead with the bill in its present form.

MORE TERRITORY FOR THE IRISH FREE STATE

London, Feb. 3.—Sir James Craig, Ulster premier, declared in a statement today that he had been told by Michael Collins, head of the South Ireland provisional government, at a conference in Dublin yesterday that Mr. Collins had made a promise to bring into the Irish free state almost half of Northern Ireland.

Sir James said he suggested to Mr. Collins a week's adjournment for consideration of the situation regarding the boundary between Ulster and South Ireland but that Mr. Collins replied that the differences separating them was so wide that postponement would be useless.

22 BODIES RECOVERED FROM THE GATES MINE

Gates, Pa., Feb. 3.—Twenty-five miners lost their lives in the explosion which wrecked the Gates mine of the H. C. Frick Coke Company yesterday, according to an official announcement today. Twenty-two bodies were recovered today, three were buried under a fall of slate and cannot be reached from the entrance from which the rescue crews have been working. Rescue teams were sent early today to Denborn mine and were expected to work their way thru an old worked section to the section of the Gates mine affected by the explosion.

ROW AT SOLDIER HOSPITAL

Chicago, Feb. 3.—Dr. Joseph Hall of Cincinnati, has been ordered here by Dr. Cummins, surgeon general of the public health service at Washington, to investigate a disturbance last night in the Edward Hines, Jr. Memorial hospital which resulted in ten negroes leaving the hospital. An inquiry into the causes leading to the disturbance, in which a heavy cup was hurled at one negro and others threatened with a razor, will be started as well as a general inquiry into conditions at the hospital. There are 900 soldiers at the hospital, 100 of whom are negroes.

FUNERAL LOST IN FOG

Norwich, Eng., Feb. 3.—A funeral procession on its way to the cemetery near here lost its way in the recent heavy fog. One coach became separated from the rest and landed in a garden. The mourners had to grope their way to the cemetery.

HEADS THE HAGUE COURT

The Hague, Feb. 3.—The international court of justice met in private session this forenoon for the election of a president of the court. Dr. B. T. Cloder, a former member of the Dutch supreme court was elected.

MINE DEATH LIST NINE

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 3.—With all convicts employed in the Belle Allen mines in Bibb county accounted for the death list as a result of the explosion late yesterday remained at nine today, according to reports received at the office of the state mine inspector here.

CAN'T CONFISCATE THE MACHINE

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 2.—Possession of liquor in the pocket of a man who is driving an automobile does not justify confiscation of the machine under the state law which provides for such action when the automobile is "used for transportation" of liquor, the Georgia court of appeals held today.

SECOND LARGEST RESERVOIR IN THE WORLD IS IN CHIHUAHUA, MEXICO.

Second largest reservoir in the world is in Chihuahua, Mexico.

HOW WORKER WON HEIRESS WORTH 40 MILLION DOLLARS

Philadelphia, Feb. 3.—An international romance, the details of which read more like the pages of a popular novel than a narrative of the day's news, culminates Feb. 4 in the marriage of Anastase Andreivitch Vonisatkov-Vonciatsky, now a workman in a great locomotive works near Philadelphia, and Mrs. Marian B. Stephens, heiress to \$40,000,000 and a society woman of New York, Chicago and Paris.

And to top the affair off in typical George M. Cohan style, the multi-millionaire heiress and her picture show husband-to-be will go to housekeeping in a "Love Nest"—a little cottage in Ridley Park, Pa., so that the groom can be near the locomotive plant where he "works for a living."

The wedding ceremony will be performed at 4 p. m. in the Greek Orthodox church on East Ninety-Sixth street, New York. For this marriage the bride has given up her affiliations with a Protestant church.

Mrs. Stephens, who is 45, is the daughter of the late Norman D. Ream, one of the organizers of the United States Steel Corporation, and the former wife of Redmond D. Stephens, a well-known Chicago lawyer and clubman. She and Stephens were married in February, 1903. They were divorced in 1918.

It was partly through Mrs. Stephens' fondness for travel that she met the 23-year-old Russian-Pole who is to be her second husband.

STORY OF ROMANCE

But let young Vonisatkov-Vonciatsky tell the extraordinary story of his romance. He is employed now at the job of testing metal for locomotives in the course of construction at the plant of the Baldwin Locomotive Works at Eddystone on the outskirts of Philadelphia.

"I was born 23 years ago in Warsaw, Poland. My people owned an estate there. My great-grandfather, 73 years ago, aided the Russians against the Poles, and was rewarded by the czar with a great grant of land.

"My father was Andre Vonisatkov, chief of the gendarmes (military police) of Warsaw under the Russian regime. He was shot and killed in an epidemic in 1910.

MRS. STEPHENS MEETS HER RUSSIAN FIANCE

New York, Feb. 3.—Mrs. Marion B. Stephens, Chicago heiress, and Anastase Andreivitch Vonisatki, Russian employe of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, both of whom came to New York for the announced purpose of being married tomorrow morning, have dropped mysteriously from sight. Her fiance, who was to come to New York today slipped out of Philadelphia late last night. They were seen this morning at the Russian orthodox church but all effort to find out whether they are already married or had gone there to complete arrangements for the ceremony tomorrow was fruitless. They drove away in an automobile together.

GREEKS WOULD PROTECT HELLENIC POPULATIONS

Washington, Feb. 3.—Formal protest against the return of any of the Hellenic population to "the Turkish yoke" was handed to the legations of the United States, England, France and Italy at Athens today, the Greek legation here has announced, making public the document. Such action, says the protest which referred to the specific population of Thrace and opposed even the slightest change in the frontiers of that territory, "would mean that the whole Thrace population would be condemned to expatriation and death."

RAILROAD STRIKE IN GERMANY IS SPREADING

Berlin, Feb. 3.—The German railroad strike which has almost completely tied up all kinds of traffic since early Wednesday morning became more complete today when the Berlin branch of the railway union joined the ranks of the strikers this morning. It is estimated that 77,000 engine drivers are now on strike. Passenger and freight traffic in northern Germany is at a complete standstill.

ARBUCKLE JURY STILL OUT

San Francisco, Feb. 3.—The fate of Roscoe Arbutckle early today was still in the hands of a superior court jury delegated to determine his guilt or innocence on a charge of manslaughter arising from the death of Virginia Rappé.

The jury returned to its deliberations at 9 o'clock this morning, the third day of its deliberations. The jury had been out 41 hours at that time. The jury in the first trial remained out 43 hours. Juror Lee Dolson, whose illness cut short the deliberations last night had completely recovered today. Only a handful of spectators were in the court room besides the regular attendants.



MRS. MARIAN B. STEPHENS, HEIRESS TO FORTY MILLIONS, AND ANASTASE ANDREIVITCH VONSIATSKOV-VONCIATSKY WHOM THE WEDS. SHE IS 45, HE IS 23.

"I was dedicated to the army. I was in a military academy when the war broke out in 1914. I was too young then to fight. But I was not too young when the Revolution broke out. I fled from the Bolsheviks and joined the army of Korniloff, the counter-revolutionists. When Korniloff was beaten, I fought with Deniken. When Deniken was beaten, I fought with Wrangel. I was a lieutenant of the Uhlans.

"I was wounded four times. Even now, in my abdomen I have a Bolshevik bullet.

"When Wrangel was beaten, I had to flee as a refugee. I made my way to Constantinople, thence to Paris.

"There I had no money. One must live. So I went in the movies. I acted in silent films.

FARM LIFE TO GIVE SHORT COURSE

School to Have a Five Day Course for Farmers Next Week.

The Farm Life School at China Grove is planning a five days short course in soils, fertilizer and farm accounting for the farmers beginning Monday, the 6th and running through Friday the 10th at the school.

This is the first short course the school has ever undertaken, and it hopes to make it a success and permanent.

The whole course is planned to be of a practical nature and helpful to the farmers who will avail themselves of the opportunity to attend. Men of practical ability are in charge of the work and every thing possible will be done to make this a very desirable course.

The course in soils and fertilizer will be in charge of Mr. Pate, of the State College, a member of the agricultural experimental organization, and Mr. J. W. Yeager, county demonstrator. These are practical men who know soils and the fertilizer question and who can and will give a helpful course of practical instructions.

The matter of farm accounting will be in the hands of Mr. A. M. Hanna, president of the China Grove bank and chairman of the board of trustees of the Farm Life School, and Mr. P. A. Barnhardt of China Grove. Mr. Hanna will give some practical talks on banking and financing which will prove helpful, and Mr. Barnhardt will talk on farm accounting. Mr. Barnhardt is an expert accountant and is working out a practical presentation of accounting to farmers.

On Friday the 10th, the closing day of the course, the school will celebrate what is known as "Farm Life Day." A program especially designed to be interesting and instructive is being arranged under the direction of Miss Emma Strupe of the department of Home Economics.

STREET CARS ATTACKED

Portsmouth, Va., Feb. 3.—Attacks on street cars operated by the Virginia Railway & Power Company, brought here from other cities, continued in a greater or less degree last night. Windows were smashed and shots were fired at cars and obstructions were placed on the tracks despite the presence of at least one policeman on each car. Policeman Frank Borum was struck on the head by a brick hurled through a car window but was not seriously hurt.

LEHIGH SHOPS BURNED

Jersey City, Feb. 3.—Fire destroyed the Lehigh Valley Railroad supply and repair shops here early today. The loss is estimated at \$200,000. Railroad detectives are of the opinion that the fire was incendiary in origin.

KILTS GO TO ORIENT

London, Feb. 3.—London outfitters find the popularity of the kilt is spreading to the remotest parts of the earth. The Scotch dress is being sent to Indian princes, while numerous orders come in from Japan.

AFTER LIQUOR BUNNERS ON THE FLORIDA COAST

Washington, Feb. 3.—Plans for a concerted drive on liquor and drug smugglers on the Florida coast was announced by L. G. Nutt, chief of general prohibition agents, Florida People Active.

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 3.—Backed by a letter of endorsement from Governor Hardee the Anti-Saloon League of Florida announced today, after an announcement from Washington that a special squad of prohibition agents were coming here, that it had prepared to send a huge petition addressed to President Harding and Prohibition Commissioner Haynes asking that such step be taken. The pastors of every church in the state have been provided with blank petitions and the league has asked them to have each member of the church to sign one of these on Sunday, February 5.

ROBESON CITIZEN IS SLAIN AND ROBBED AT WAYSIDE GAS STATION

Lumberton, Feb. 3.—What appears to have been one of the most brutal and coldblooded murders ever committed in Robeson county took place last night when R. Walter Bullock was shot to death and robbed. Mr. Bullock operated a gasoline filling station on the highway, three miles west of Lumberton, and lived alone there. The fatal shot was fired through a window of the building in which the deceased lived and entered the back of his head near the right ear. The murdered man was 37 years old and unmarried.

The load of No. 4 shot broke a pane out of the window through which it was fired.

It is thought the murder was committed about 11:30. The lifeless body of Bullock was found by two men who stopped there to get some gasoline about midnight. The pockets of the dead man were turned inside out and all the contents gone. There is no clue as to who committed the dastardly crime. The crime has been the talk of the town today and many went to the scene of the killing to view the remains of the murdered man.

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PIRATES IN NEAR EAST

Constantinople, Feb. 3.—A sailing vessel has been found in the Sea of Marmora with two wounded sailors on board. The men declare the captain and two of the crew had been killed by pirates.

GEM BADGE FOR MARY

London, Feb. 3.—The City of London police reserves are planning to give Princess Mary, as their wedding gift, one of their badges set in jewels. Collections are being made.

WOMAN CHARGED MURDER

Providence, R. I., Feb. 3.—Mrs. Ruth McCaw, wife of a Bristol grocer, pleaded not guilty in superior court here today to indictments returned yesterday by a grand jury in special session charging her with the murder of her step-daughter, an assault with intent to kill the girl's brother, Leon McCaw. Administration of poison is alleged in each instance.

DEMAND CHEAPER BEER

Rhonda, Wales, Feb. 3.—Unemployed miners have appealed to the municipal authorities to help them in their demand for cheaper beer. Owing to the high price of the beverage, many of the workmen's clubs are in danger of closing.

CHILDREN RUN CHURCH

Leeds, Eng., Feb. 3.—A church controlled by children who perform every office except that of preacher has been attended with marked success at St. Ailfride. It has proved more attractive than the ordinary Sunday school.

WANT RESTFUL SLEEP

Cambridge, Eng., Feb. 3.—Drowsy-eyed citizens of Cambridge have prevailed upon the watch committee of the town council to frame a by-law to protect them against the nuisance of cock-crowing and yelping dogs.

AN AUTOMOBILE EDITION SATURDAY

Tomorrow's Evening Post will be an Automobile number, an issue devoted to the automobile trade of the city in which local dealers have co-operated with the publishers in an endeavor to publish and distribute an issue which will reflect the automobile interest of Salisbury.

The men who made up this trade are the leading business men of the city and they are speaking to the public in a co-operative way. Look for the Evening Post tomorrow.

"BIG NINE" WHIPS IN SHAPE TREATIES RELATIVE TO CHINA

Call Issued for Plenary Session to Mark Final Window of Washington Arms Conference.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The "big nine" of the arms conference met today for the last time and whipped into shape the treaties relative to China and issued a formal call for a plenary session tomorrow to mark the final window of the Washington negotiations.

It was decided to base only two treaties on the Chinese decision of the conference and embody in them only two of the 15 resolutions adopted regarding the Chinese questions. One covers the Chinese tariff revision and the other Root's "four points" and the open door. The remaining resolutions will be presented at the final plenary session merely as a series of joint declarations of policy.

The nine delegation heads also discussed whether the formal signing of the naval and far eastern treaties shall be public or private. Some quarters suggested that the signatures be affixed at the big green table in Continental hall where the plenary sessions have been held but there is no indication of a definite change in the original plan of holding the ceremony in the diplomatic ante room of the state department which is too small to accommodate any considerable number of spectators.

PLENARY SESSION CALLED

Washington, Feb. 3.—A plenary session of the arms conference has been called for 10:30 tomorrow.

PROF. SHIRLEY TO GIVE RECITAL AT SPENCER

Prof. H. A. Shirley of Winston-Salem has been secured by the ladies of Central Methodist church, Spencer for an organ recital, Thursday, February 9th at the church.

This recital will mark the initial service of the new pipe organ now being installed. Professor Shirley is connected with the Faculty of Salem college and is a musician of wide reputation. He has held scores of recitals and a treat is in store for all who hear him Thursday night.

NINE CONVICT MINERS KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 3.—Nine convicts were killed from a local mine explosion at the Belle Ellen coal mine in Bibb county late today, according to reports received here by C. H. Nesbitt, state mine inspector.

Mr. Nesbitt said he only received a meager report on the accident, but that the superintendent of the mines told him the explosion was a local one, that all the bodies had been recovered and that the mine was clear. The mine inspector said he did not know whether or not the convicts were all negroes but believed the majority of them were.

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