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SPLENDID MEET OF NEWTON CLUB

(By H. H. Lawry) Newton, March 4.—The Newton Home Town Club met last night in the Kiwanis hall for their regular weekly meeting. The meeting was called to order by the president, C. R. Brady, after the usual routine of business. The program chairman, Prof. M. B. Brady, who read an interesting paper on Catawba county, presenting the standard from an agricultural standpoint. Rev. J. A. Ditzler, pastor of the Reformed church, was called upon to speak on "What the Home Town Owe to its Young People in the Way of Amusement." Mr. Ditzler presented in a very pleasant manner the need in every town for wholesome amusement for the boys and girls. He stated that the boys' athletics too often had but one aim and that was to win under any pretext. He stated that Newton should have a gymnasium especially equipped and properly supervised by a man who could lead the boys and girls not only to develop good physical bodies but also one who could lead them to higher ideals. Mr. Ditzler said it was most necessary for every town of the size of Newton to have a well equipped playground open to the children the year round. The program was then turned over to the high school girls who were to honor the guests of the evening. Under the leadership of Miss Florence Logan, a very entertaining program was presented. Several appropriate yells and spicy songs and witty recitations were presented. Mr. W. C. Feinster then reported that at a meeting of the Hickory Kiwanians he had been asked to recommend to the Newton Kiwanians that a committee be appointed to devise means and plans by which appropriate fruit and shade trees could be secured for the purpose of planting along the hard surface road which is now under construction from the Burke county line to the Lincoln county line. This report was heartily received and a committee consisting of Messrs. J. Y. Killian, chairman, J. Smith, Campbell, of Maiden, John A. Isenbower, of Concord and Mayor Sid J. Smyre, of Newton, was appointed by the president.

RUM SHIP GIVES BOND AND IS FREE

By the Associated Press. Salisbury, N. C., March 4.—Bond in the sum of \$10,000 for the release of the messenger of Peace, an alleged rum running schooner, captured off the North Carolina coast several months ago, was approved by Prohibition Director Kohloss late yesterday afternoon and the vessel may now be taken back to the Bahama Islands, it was announced here today. The trial of the Messenger of Peace and its officers is scheduled to come up at the April term of federal court. The bond was furnished by an American security company, it was stated, and it will not be necessary to have the ship at New Bern for the trial. The ship's papers were not released, as the prohibition director considered them necessary evidence at the trial.

Chicago's "Ponzi" Gathers in Millions



Chicago now has a "Ponzi" in the person of Raymond J. Bischoff, twenty-five years old, who is accused of swindling foreigners there out of several millions of dollars which he took from them ostensibly to invest. The illustration shows the interior of Bischoff's office and, inserted, a portrait of the young financier.

WOULD APPOINT COMMISSION AT ONCE

Washington, March 4.—Creation of a national commissioner empowered by congress to straighten out the government tangles as to existing contracts with respects to the projects at Muscle Shoals, Ala., and to enter negotiations for the sale or lease of the projects was advocated today by Chairman Kahn of the military committee. The commission would consist of the secretaries of war, commerce and the treasury and its first object would be to insure production of nitrates for war purposes as well as the production of fertilizers for agricultural needs. Mr. Kahn said the creation of a commission was the only logical way for safeguarding the interests of the people. To such a commission the chairman would refer the offers for purchase and lease submitted by Henry Ford, the Alabama Power Company and Fredrick Engstrom of Wilmington, N. C. The optional claims of the Aair Nitrates Corporation for exclusive right to purchase nitrate plant No. 2 also would be considered.

CLEAR MYSTERY OF HAMILTON MURDER

By the Associated Press. Raleigh, N. C., March 4.—With arrest of one negro and the started for another, city and county officers are convinced that they have lifted the veil surrounding the killing of Rufus H. Hamilton, union foreman of the Seaboard Line Railway, who was shot to death as he was driving along the Tarboro road with his fiancée, Miss Irene Guess, on the night of December 26, according to announcements made by the police today. The negro under arrest is Lin alias "Red" Bryant. According to the police, Bryant confessed to detectives Thomas Crabtree and Jess Wyatt of the Raleigh police department that he was walking along the road with a negro named John Richmond when the Hamilton car approached them. Bryant told the detectives that Richmond fired a shot through the windshield and a second fired at the car when it passed. The car swerved to one side, the negro told the police, and a woman screamed. The negroes then dashed into a near-by wood and made their way to Raleigh. Bryant told the police that he and Richmond were drinking heavily. The story of Bryant corroborates in almost every particular the story of the killing told by Miss Guess the night of the affair at the coroner's inquest.

BIG SCOTCH WHISKEY MAKER IS NEW BARON

London, Feb. 13.—Sir, James Buchanan, chairman of a famous Scotch whisky firm, has assumed the title of Baron Woolavington of Loxington, says an official announcement. He was one of those elected to a peerage in the New Year's honours list.

FOURTEEN VICTIMS TRAIN-BUS CRASH

By the Associated Press. Cleveland, March 4.—The death of Geo. E. McGhee today brought the toll from a collision between a new York Central train and an automobile bus at Painesville last night up to 14. A coroner's inquest will be held at Painesville this morning. Most of the killed were residents of Fairport.

WORK ASSUMES DUTIES DONE BY HAYS

By the Associated Press. Washington, March 4.—Dr. Hubert Work today took the oath of office as postmaster general, succeeding Will H. Hays, who had been a member of the cabinet one year to the day. Dr. Work, whose home state is Colorado, has been first assistant postmaster general under Mr. Hays. In a statement addressed to the personnel of the postal service, the new cabinet officer said Mr. Hays had set up new ideals for the postal service. Adding that such ideals had been approved by the American people, Dr. Work said it would be his policy to give them substance. The oath of office was administered by Rush Holland of Colorado, second attorney general.

THREE BURNED IN NORFOLK FIRE TODAY

By the Associated Press. Norfolk, Va., March 4.—Three persons were burned to death and three others badly injured when a boarding house was destroyed by fire early today. The dead are: Helen White, South Norfolk. Lem McKinsley, Craddock. R. M. Hyatt, seaman second class. A. G. Miller is in a hospital recovering from the effects of smoke and burns about the body. His wife, Mrs. Edith Miller is being treated at a hospital. She is not badly burned. Several persons were rescued by firemen. The loss is estimated at \$10,000.

REBELS NOW HOLD FIUME AFTER FIGHTING

By the Associated Press. Fiume, March 4.—The committee of national defense proclaimed the final overthrow of the provisional government under President Zanella and the constituent assembly today. The government capitulated after fierce fighting. The committee asked the Italian government to send officers here to take charge. Fiume dispatched last night declared that President Zanella and his followers had fled to Buechari near Fiume after issuing a declaration transferring the authority to the national defense. The capitulation followed an attack on the government palace by the Fascists, who fired 20 cannon shots at the building.

TRYING TO AVERT NEW FREIGHT WAR

By the Associated Press. Washington, March 4.—The shipping board was laying plans today to avert if possible a threatened rate war affecting certain continental trade routes. Withdrawal of the North Atlantic company from the line, is expected to result in a cut of rates unless an agreement can be reached.

BULLOCK RELEASED. POSES FOR PICTURE

Hamilton, Ont., March 4.—Whipped in the folds of the union Jack, Matthew Bullock, American negro, last night permitted himself to be photographed by a bevy of feminine admirers of his own race, before he boarded a train for parts unknown. The flag was presented to celebrate Bullock's release by the police yesterday after Judge Snider had refused to honor a requisition for his extradition to Norfolk, N. C., to be tried on charges of attempted murder. The flag ceremony was the only public celebration of Bullock's release. Plans for a huge demonstration by the negro population of the city were abandoned when Bullock's counsel advised that he leave with the least possible ostentation as he would be liable to rearrest at any time evidence charging with an extraordinary offense should be presented by North Carolina. As he boarded the train Bullock announced he would remain in from Hamilton and that he would avoid publicity. He said he would stay in Canada, however.

KELLY CANDIDATE FOR U. S. SENATE

By the Associated Press. Washington, March 4.—With a declaration that it is vital to Michigan that money shall not be a determining or even an important factor in the forthcoming election Representative Patrick H. Kelly of the sixth district announced today that he would be a candidate for the United States senate. He will be a candidate for the seat now held by Senator Newberry, Republican. "It will be possible," Mr. Kelly said, "for the people of Michigan to vote for a candidate without the expenditure of large sums of money."

FLEISCHMAN CO.'S ALCOHOL IS SEIZED

By the Associated Press. New York, March 4.—Prohibition officers in New York and other cities where branches of the Fleischman Yeast Company are located were instructed today by Commissioner Hays to seize all industrial alcohol of the company. The order was issued last night. As grounds for this action, the prohibition commissioner said he regarded the seizure of the alcohol in the possession of this company as epochal and charged the company "with diversion of non-beverage alcohol for beverage purposes" and among other things "disposing of non-beverage alcohol on foreign permits and without permits to purchase."

MISSIONARY KILLED BY THIBET ROBBERS

By the Associated Press. St. Louis, March 4.—The Rev. A. L. Shelton, medical missionary of the Disciples of Christ (Christian church) in Thibet, was murdered by robbers near Batang February 17, according to a cablegram received by the United Christian missionary society here today. Dr. Shelton escaped from a brigand camp in China in January, 1920 after being kidnapped and held for ransom for 60 days.

GENERALLY FAIR PROMISE FOR WEEK

By the Associated Press. Washington, March 4.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday include: South Atlantic states: Generally fair except for rains Wednesday or Thursday. Warmer first part of week and colder last half.

LEWIS RETAINS HIS HEAVYWEIGHT BELT

By the Associated Press. Wichita, Kans., March 3.—Strangler Lewis of San Jose, Cal., today again held the world's heavyweight championship, having defeated the challenger, Stanislas Zbysko here last night. Twelve years ago Zbysko succumbed to a toe hold applied by Franky Frank Gotch, then the champion. Last night another American developed punishable hold got him. In his more than 1,000 matches, Zbysko, 46 years old, had his shoulders forced to mat only five times, then winning three of the contests.

BRITISH CABINET CRISIS STILL CRITICAL

London, March 4.—Austin Chamberlain's declaration of the solidity of the cabinet behind Mr. Lloyd George has had little appreciable effect on the political situation, according to newspapers today. It is generally conceded that the crisis continues at an acute stage and even the journals most anxious to preserve the coalition government candidly admit that the situation is about as critical as it could be. No developments are expected until after the week end. In spite of all the efforts of the prime minister's champions however, his conservative opponents show no sign of weakening.

WANT INFORMATION ON SCHOOL STATE

Citizens of West Hickory met the Y. M. C. A. hall last night and appointed a committee to go before the town government next Tuesday night to find out if possible the status of the West Hickory school proposition. The general assembly is understood to have validated \$60,000 bonds voted by the people but no action has been taken by those in authority, so far as known. There were between 75 and 80 men at the meeting last night. It was explained today by Squ Geo. T. Barber, secretary of the meeting, that there were no bad feelings and all that the citizens wanted to do was to get the school. They would be glad to cooperate. Charles E. Cole presided. The committee named to appear before the West Hickory aldermen consisted of Messrs. Cole and Barber, Roy Senter, Charlie Carpenter and J. G. Frye.

STARTOWN ROUTE FOR AUTO TRAFFIC

Newton, March 4.—Signs placed along the principal streets leading out of Newton to Hickory read "Detour by way of Startown" and traffic has been diverted that way. The roads are badly torn up on account of the work preparatory to the laying of hard surface and at places is practically impassable. The jitneys discontinued its runs several days ago and all travel between Newton and Hickory is by Startown or by train. The jitneys between here and Lincolnton are running on schedule time.

CHAMPIONS OF SOUTH ARE BACK ON THE HILL

Chapel Hill, March 4.—Eight husky but tired and worn out athletes, members of the University of North Carolina basketball squad, champions of the south, returned here yesterday from Atlanta after a one-night stop over in Raleigh where the Washington and Lee Generals gave them their first defeat since the trip north. With them they brought a huge silver loving cup which has been added to the athletic trophies of the university. Each man also was adorned with a beautiful gold emblem, which is to say that each of these Tar Heels is a member of one of the greatest basketball teams of the country and according to Atlanta newspapers, not only here, and yesterday it took the form of hearty congratulations to members of the team. "We had the time of our lives and everybody treated us wonderfully," Captain Cartwright Carmichael said today, "but that we are glad to get back home again."

HUGE REDUCTION FERTILIZERS IN SOUTH

By the Associated Press. New Orleans, March 4.—Figures on sales of fertilizers in nine states of the cotton region were issued just before the opening of the cotton market today by H. G. Hester, secretary of the New Orleans cotton exchange. They showed a decrease during the seven months ending with February of 16 per cent as compared with the same period last year and 70 per cent two years ago. According to the statement the total of fertilizers sold in Louisiana, Georgia, Florida, Texas, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi and other states amounted to 532,336 tons against 658,729 tons a year ago and 1,858,777 tons two years ago. Earliest sales were in South Carolina. Returns from North Carolina were not available. The statement was considered by the trade to be of the highest importance in connection with the cotton crop about to be planted.

SOVIET WIRELESS PLANT TO BE VERY LARGE

Moscow, Feb. 7.—Soviet Russia will soon have a wireless station capable of transatlantic service, says N. Nikolaieff, Assistant commissar for posts and telegraphs. The station is in progress of erection at Bogorodsk, near Moscow and is expected to be one of the most powerful in the world. Its towers will be more than 900 feet high, which is 30 feet higher than the famous German wireless station at Nauen. The new Russian station will have a strength of 50 kilowatts. Nikolaieff adds that Soviet Russia has made great progress in wireless communication in the last four years and cites as evidence of it the fact that the station at Moscow is able to hold telephone conversations with another at Chita, Siberia, 3,000 miles distant. Russia now has 38 sending stations and 290 receiving stations. New wireless stations will be erected within the next few months at Tashkent, Khar'kov and Novo-Nikolaevsk as well as at the radical points of the Siberian water basin and along the Arctic sea coast where nine stations were installed in 1921.

EGGS SELL HERE WHOLESALE AT 20 CENTS

The wholesale price of eggs dropped to 20 cents a dozen on the Hickory market today and it was predicted the price would go to 18 or 16 cents before another rise would be noted. In Statesville eggs were quoted at 18 cents, but in Salisbury and Concord according to telephone reports to the Record, the quotation was around 20 cents. Two weeks ago the Catawba Creamery was paying 36 cents a dozen. In November and December the quotation wholesale was 53 and 54 cents, but the local market is governed by the large centers. Eggs are being put on cold storage by the packers and for the next two months many housewives will put them up against high prices next winter. Farmers have received good prices for eggs and chickens all the winter, and those who had early hatched pullets made a good profit on the season's output. The ordinary barnyard hen, which is often forced to sleep in trees during the winter is now doing her bit, with the result that a price depression is on its way.

COTTON

By the Associated Press. New York, March 4.—The cotton market was barely steady at the opening today with first prices two to 16 points lower. Trade interests were moderate buyers at the decline and prices firmed up a few points of reports from New Orleans that fertilizer sales up to February 28 showed a decrease of 16 per cent as compared with last year and 70 per cent two years ago.

BRITISH INTERESTS ARE FOR ROADS RETURN

Mexico City, Feb. 16.—British stockholders in the Inter-oceanic railway, one of the federal-operated roads in Mexico recently protested to the government against its retention and demanded the return of the property together with accrued damages. General Amado Aguirre, Secretary of Communications and Public Works, stated in reply that the railway was taken over "for military purposes" strictly within the law and that the government was excused from paying damages for its use until a final liquidation was effected and the property returned to its owners. As a concluding argument Secretary Aguirre stated that the government owns 55 percent of the railway stock and that the demands of the minority stockholders as represented by the British protest are as they have done this week, they

ANOTHER CURB FIRM BUSTS IN NEW YORK

By the Associated Press. New York, March 4.—Failure of E. H. Clarke & Company, one of the largest brokerage firms in the New York curb market, was announced today. The firm has offices in Chicago and other mid-western points and dealt largely in copper and gold shares.