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Japan's Readiness To Give Up Certain Demands Leads To Early End of Conference

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3. — China's reply to the Japanese declarations of readiness to give up entirely group five of the celebrated "Twenty one demands" as well as economic privileges secured under resulting treaties in Manchuria and Mongolia was expected to bring to an end today the arms conference Far Eastern negotiations. It was planned also to put into treaty form today the series of resolutions relating to China for formal adoption at a plenary session tomorrow at the close of which it was expected the Washington conference would adjourn sine die. The signatures of the plenipotentiaries under the program would be attached to both the naval and Far Eastern treaties on Monday, at a single ceremony at the State Department.

B. Y. P. U. TO INSTITUTE VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN

Gaston Baptist Association to Establish Young People's Society in Every Church in County — M. O. Thornburg, of Gastonia, is Directing Work.

Plans are being completed for a campaign of enthusiasm in B. Y. P. U. work throughout the Gaston Baptist Association February 5th to 12th. This campaign, which begins next Sunday, will continue until every church, having a sufficient number of young people, has organized. The program will require the hearty support of the pastors and leaders in the various churches throughout the Association. The directors are addressing a letter and report blanks to every pastor and B. Y. P. U. in the county and are planning to keep in close touch with the Vice Presidents in each district. The hearty cooperation of all concerned is urged.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTORS IN SESSION

Much Routine Business Is Disposed of—Dr. Eaton to Address Chamber February 17

Receiving and acting upon several committee reports and transacting much routine business, the board of directors of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce held a busy session Thursday afternoon. Present were President S. A. Robinson, Vice President Wade S. Buice, Treasurer S. N. Boyce and Directors G. C. Andrews, P. W. Garland, Ira R. Hayes, Dameron H. Williams and H. M. Van Slen.

JULIAN MILLER'S SPEECH FEATURES ROTARY LUNGHEON

Editor Charlotte News Delivers Powerful Message on "The Plus Service" of Rotary to Local Club — Prominent Visitors Present — District Meeting in Winston-Salem in March.

Thursday Rotary luncheon was the largest in point of attendance and the most enthusiastic and interesting held in several weeks. The feature of the luncheon was a superb address by Julian S. Miller, editor of The Charlotte News, who spoke of "The Plus Spirit of Rotary." The theme of Mr. Miller's speech was that the true principle of Rotary as well as of Christianity was the doctrine of the second mile. "It is not enough to minister to the needs of common charity and need, it is not enough to care for the erring, the delinquent, the needy and the destitute. That is our simple duty and obligation. Rotary would have us add the extra service, the second mile. Christ not only washed the feet of the disciples who loved him, but he even ministered unto Peter who denied him, and unto Judas who betrayed him. It is the extra service, the service over and above and beyond our usual duty that counts." The full text of Mr. Miller's speech is printed elsewhere.

LOS ANGELES FURNISHES ANOTHER BIG MOVING PICTURE MURDER MYSTERY

"TAR BABY" IS DENOUNCED BY PRESIDENT H. W. CHASE

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CHAPPEL HILL, Feb. 2. — Allegation that The Carolina Tar Baby, Incorporated, from the life, activities and publications of the University of North Carolina, was made complete today by virtue of a statement issued by President Harry W. Chase, of the university, in which he denounces the humorous publication and management very emphatically, declaring that "The Tar Baby, Inc. is not a university publication, that it is not in any way supported, controlled, or authorized by either student body or the faculty, or any group thereof," and that "the character of certain material which has appeared from time to time in The Tar Baby is such as the university sincerely deprecates and which it is thoroughly desirous to have its name, or name of the student body associated." The statement is addressed to the "high school authorities of the state of North Carolina."

William Desmond Taylor Shot And Killed Sitting At His Desk

NORTHERN MILLS ARE CUTTING EMPLOYE'S WAGES

Day's Announcement Affects About 50,000 Workers — Cotton Manufacturers of New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Maine Join Others.

BOSTON, Feb. 2. — Cotton manufacturers employing approximately 50,000 operatives in New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Maine today notified their employees of wage cuts amounting in most cases to 20 per cent, effective February 13. New Hampshire plants also gave notice of an increase from 48 to 51 hours in the weekly working schedule. The announcement brought northern New England manufacturers into line with those of Rhode Island and Connecticut, who recently put lower wage schedules into effect.

REVENGE, JEALOUSY, HATE UNANSWERED LOVE ARE CONSIDERED BY THE POLICE

Man Had Been Seen Skulking Around Taylor's Home — Servant Had Previously Threatened His Life — Taylor Was Officer in British Army and Former Soldier Who Nursed Grievance May Have Been Responsible — Was Friend of Mary Miles Minter and Mary Pickford.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 3. — A half dozen cigarette stales offered today, the key to a mystery which for 24 hours has been deeper than any developed in the work by William Desmond Taylor, noted motion picture director, slain Wednesday night at his home here. These half-dozen stales found near the backdoor of his luxuriously appointed residence, according to investigators, give mute evidence that some man, apparently waited nervously there on the evening of the murder. They link with the statement by Mrs. Douglas MacLean that on the evening of the murder she heard a shot fired, and looking from the window of her home, which overlooks that of Taylor, she saw a man, stranger to her, emerge from the front door of Taylor's home, look back through and apparently speak, close the door, and depart.

HUGO STINNES HAS SMASHED WAY INTO WALL STREET

Reported That German Croesus Has Designs on Commercial and Industrial Activities of This Country.

(By The Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Feb. 3. — The name of Hugo Stinnes, one of Germany's great industrialists, has smashed its way into Wall Street. Big business, particularly the steel industry, is interested and is asking if Stinnes has designs upon the commercial and industrial activities of this country. Various reports have come to the United States concerning plans of the German Croesus to extend his interests to this country, where he has heretofore been little known. But the first concrete evidence of his plans came yesterday with the announcement that he was negotiating with several American iron-ore dealers for the sale of 15,000 tons of iron ore at a price, including freight, about \$2.25 a ton less than the current American price of \$40. A mere 15,000 tons is a relatively small offering, worth less than a half million dollars at Stinnes' price, but it was pointed out, it is a very far-reaching initial offering.

PLAN CONCERTED DRIVE ON FLORIDA SMUGGLERS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3. — Plans for a concerted drive on liquor and drug smugglers along the Florida coast were announced today by J. G. Natt, acting chief of the general prohibition agents.

MCCORMICK WAITED FOR HER AT CHURCH, TO WED IN APRIL, SHE SAYS NOW

After Miss Mary Landon Baker's failure to appear at a fashionable church in Chicago for her marriage to Allister McCormick, it was announced that she was ill. McCormick, a nephew of Harold F. McCormick, head of the International Harvester Company, left for Europe some days after saying that the wedding would take place there. The photograph shows Miss Baker starting for California. She gave out a statement that she would return the latter part of February and would leave for England to be married to McCormick in April.

THE REASON FOR SO MUCH CRIME NEWS IN PAPERS

CHICAGO, Feb. 3. — The reason there is a prevalent belief that newspaper print a great quantity of crime items is the way in which the average newspaper reader reads a newspaper, Lee A. White, editorial executive of The Detroit News, said last night in an address before the Middle School of Journalism. This is the way, according to Mr. White: "Column one, disarmament conference. The reader, 'disarmament conference um um um, Japan um, Hughes, um, Shantung, um.' Finished. "Column two, Stillman case. 'No um, Still attention.' Occasional murmur of 'Can you beat that?' One reader says he must scan the column because the case is a sociological document." Another merely says it is "hot stuff." Both skip nary a word.

PRINCETON STUDENTS GOING TO CLASSES VIA MOTOR

PRINCETON, N. J., Feb. 3. — Undergraduates of Princeton University were still spilling the streets of their campus in their own motor cars today, in spite of Dr. John Crier Hibben's declaration yesterday that he was pessimistic and other faculty members were not in sympathy with the practice. There was, however, considerable discussion of the president's views, as expressed in letters to parents, in which he made it clear that undergraduates who motor to their classes are in disfavor. "The administration believes," Dr. Hibben wrote, "that it would be desirable if students at Princeton during the formative period of their lives could realize the value of cleanliness and their fellows of simplicity in living and the elimination of unnecessary luxuries. It is the opinion of the senior council that an undergraduate's success at Princeton, but that, on the contrary, it often proves a positive detriment to the interests of the individual owner."

Cotton Market

CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET. NEW YORK, Feb. 3. — Cotton futures closed strong. March 16.92; May 16.64; July 16.20; October 15.75; Spots 17.20.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

Cotton Seed 45c Strict to Good Middling 16 1/2c

BONUS LEGISLATION WILL CARRY PROVISIONS FOR RAISING THE REVENUE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3. — Soldiers' bonus legislation now under consideration by the House Ways and Means Committee will carry a provision for raising the necessary revenue to finance it. Chairman Fordney announced today after a conference with President Harding at the White House. Whether the money will be obtained by internal taxes or the use of the proceeds from the refunded foreign debt, or both, remains to be determined, Mr. Fordney said.

LONDON IS OUT TO OUTDO LI'L OL' NEW YORK

LONDON, Feb. 3. — The "brighter London society," which has just been formed, has undertaken what an American who was asked to join it, termed a "pretty tall order." It is nothing less than to make London, to quote a phrase used by one of its founders, the "magnet of the world," and thereby attract to it multitudes of people with plenty of money to spend, especially rich Americans. The society is the outgrowth of a recent discussion among prominent business men at the Savoy hotel. They were deploring the fact that American tourists were not so numerous as they were before the war. Then they fell to contrasting London with New York—Oxford street with the Great White Way. Compared with New York—even New York under prohibition—London's aspect was decidedly "drab" and its night life "dull," it was generally agreed. Everybody was of the opinion that London needed brightening, and as the result the new organization was born and christened.

THE WEATHER

North Carolina, generally fair tonight and Saturday, somewhat colder tonight; fresh westerly winds.

RANLO HIGH SCHOOL TO GIVE PUBLIC DEBATE

The Ranlo high school will hold its third annual debate February 3, 1922. Following is the programme: Address of Welcome, Gladys Amos. Recitation, "The Sign of the Cross," Sara Stroup. Declaration, "The Sepulchres of the Fallen Braves," Robert McArver, Jr. Oration, "The Age of Progress," Raymond Long. Trio, Nell Lockman, Louise McArver, Mildred Walker. Debate: Resolved, "That Capital Punishment Should be Abolished in the United States."

NINE KILLED IN BELLE ELLEN MINES

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

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CALENDAR. Friday. 4 p. m.—Girl Scouts. 7:30 p. m.—Chamber of Commerce Glee Club. 8:30 p. m.—Community Chorus.

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Council's Position Explained

The following letter, written to Organizer John Thomas, at Pawtucket, by President McMahon, explains the position taken by the council: "Confirming our telephone conversation of this morning, would say, in order that you will know the facts relating to the decision of our executive council, clearly before you, that we have taken the following action: "All local unions are requested to immediately hold special meetings to take definite action on wage reductions and lengthening of hours; second, that delegates be sent from these special meetings to the Rhode Island Textile Council Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p. m., 70 East Avenue, Pawtucket, R. I., when complete plans will be laid before them for the carrying out of the fight which is inevitable in Rhode Island. (See Frank Young's Perry street call at the special meeting of the Rhode Island Textile Council. Give as much publicity as possible to the meeting next Sunday, February 5. The executive council is unanimous in its opinion that no infringement of the 48-hour week will be tolerated, as per the following resolution: "Resolved, That the executive council of the United Textile Workers of America, in session, assembled, do hereby instruct all workers in Providence and Pawtucket to work eight and three quarters hours (8:34) per day except on Saturday, and at the expiration of the eight and three-quarters hours (8:34) to quit work, stopping at noon on Saturday, thus making their 48-hour work week." To Confer in Providence. Mr. McMahon and Mr. Powers are to (Continued on page six)

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Feb. 3. — Revenge, jealousy, hate and unanswerable love are considered by the police today in continuing their search for the slayer of William Desmond Taylor, motion picture director, whose body was found yesterday in his apartment here.

While the meagre clues obtained so far pointed chiefly to the commission of the crime by a man, the detectives working on the case, said they believed it possible that Taylor had been killed by a woman. Their hunt was largely centered along three lines, it was said: The trail of the slaying figure of a man seen around the slayer's apartment both before and after the murder; the whereabouts of a former servant, arrested for the alleged robbery of the director and reported to have threatened revenge; and the sender of an anonymous letter in which were enclosed party tickets for articles stolen from Taylor. The officers also had under consideration a close scrutiny of the life history of the director to learn if the crime might have been committed by the holder of an ancient grudge, as for instance, some soldier he might have offended by the application of military discipline while he was an officer in the British forces during the world war.

These persons range from Henry Peavey, Taylor's negro house man, to Mabel Normand, motion picture actress, and Mary Miles Minter, also motion picture actress.

Peavey gave the police an account of his finding the body and of his spreading the alarm. Miss Normand, who was 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 (Continued on page 6)