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MYSTERY OF TAYLOR MURDER IS STILL UNSOLVED; POLICE MAKE RECHECK OF HIS PAPERS

PROMINENT MOVIE ACTOR ARRESTED AS SUBJECT IS RELEASED FROM CUSTODY

Is Advised, However, to Keep in Touch With Officers - Find Woman's Silk Lingerie in Taylor's Possession Has Been Removed Since Murder - Looking For a Drug Peddler.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 6.—Efforts of the police department and the sheriff's office to solve the motion picture puzzle of the slaying of William Desmond Taylor, director, brought the officers early today to a "cut back" to the beginning — a rechecking of the dead man's papers in the hope of obtaining a better clue than any yet evolved.

The early hours today found deputy sheriffs, municipal detectives, and officials of the motion picture company by which Taylor was employed gathered in the dead director's apartment, again sorting over his letters and documents, seeking for an elusive something, overlooked before, that might set them straight upon the trail of his slayer.

This comparative set back followed a day and night of unusual activities in search for a solution of the enigma.

Last night the word went forth that an unnamed motion picture actor had been taken to the county jail for questioning as a "suspect" and that his connection with the case was considered so important that he had been hustled from the motion picture "lot" where he was at work with such speed that he had no time to remove the make-up from his face.

These actions resulted from a report that the actor's automobile, a distinctly over-constructed and painted machine, had been seen near the Taylor apartment the night of the murder.

The actor was questioned for two hours an officer, still unable, it was stated to tell definitely where he was at the time Taylor was killed, was hurried to the dead man's apartment for a re-examination of the crime as the officers had reconstructed it.

But residents of the same hangout court, who previously had given statements...

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ACHIEVEMENTS OF ARMAMENTS CONFERENCE SUMMARIZED AND ANALYZED BY FRANK SIMONDS

Not in Any Sense a Substitute for the League of Nations, Which Undertakes to Restore Peace Between Hostile Nations, But Demonstrated How Peace Between Friendly Nations Can Be Made More Certain and Less Expensive.

(By Frank H. Simonds in Charlotte Observer.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The Washington conference has passed into history and, although President Harding will finally dismiss it next Monday, the formal phase of the first international conference held in the United States is now ended.

SINGERS CAN STILL ENTER FOR COMMUNITY CONCERT

Second Week of Practice Commences Tonight - Preparations for Concert Going Ahead Splendidly - Still Room for More Singers if They Enter at Once.

Beginning the second week of practice for the Community Concert to be given soon under the auspices of Community Service there will be practice at 7:30 o'clock this evening in the auditorium of the Chamber of Commerce. Tuesday and Friday evenings the practice will be at 8 o'clock.

FINAL SESSION OF CONFERENCE HELD TODAY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Writing the final page of its history today with the signature of treaties, the Washington conference, meeting in plenary session, then was to hear a farewell address by President Harding and adjourn sine die its sessions of more than twelve weeks.

Four treaties were to be signed by the delegates at the big green table in Continental Hall, around which all the public meetings have been held.

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18 COTTON MILLS IN RHODE ISLAND CLOSED

(By The Associated Press.) PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 6.—Eighteen cotton mills and bleaches in Rhode Island were closed today, five finishing plants were crippled by walk-outs of part of their employees and about 8,000 textile operatives were out of work as the result of strikes in protest against wage cuts and increases in working hours.

In the Pawtucket valley, the second most important cotton manufacturing center in the State 13 plants have been shut down since a twenty per cent pay reduction was put into effect two weeks ago.

Every plant that made the cut has been closed and one that did not make it has been affected. Five thousand operatives are out of work.

By comparison with the Paris conference, the Washington gathering has dealt with a relatively restricted set of problems.

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FIFTY-SEVEN S. S. WORKERS RECEIVE CERTIFICATES

Standard Training School Closed Week's Session at Main Street Church Saturday Night—Class Largest so Far in Entire Conference—Manager Woosley Highly Pleased.

Fifty-seven Sunday school workers completed the course in the Greater Gastonia Standard Training School for Sunday school workers which closed at Main Street Methodist church Saturday night and these were awarded certificates of credit at the Sunday morning services in the several Methodist churches of the city.

Following an hour's class work Saturday night the classes assembled in the auditorium amica social time was enjoyed. Several workers testified as to the benefits derived from the school, the opinion being unanimous that it had inspired the workers in the various Methodist Sunday schools of the city and suburbs to a renewed interest in their work and that the school's influence on the future of these schools would be far reaching.

NEWLY ELECTED POPE, CARDINAL RATTI, TAKES THE NAME OF PIUS XI

(By The Associated Press.) ARCHBISHOP of Milan is Elected to High Church Office—Thousands Wait in Front of St. Peter's for Announcement of News. ROME, Feb. 6.—Cardinal Achille Ratti, archbishop of Milan, was proclaimed elected Pope in succession to the late Benedict XV this morning. He has taken the name of Pius XI.

MISS UPSHAW DIES OF INJURIES RECEIVED

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Miss Caroline Uphaw, of Atlanta, Ga., niece of Representative Uphaw, of Georgia, died early today as a result of injuries sustained in the Knickerbocker theatre disaster. Her death brought the number of dead from the disaster up to 98.

Miss Uphaw was buried in a mass of debris and snow for eight hours at the Knickerbocker theatre disaster. The niece of the Georgia Representative was conscious to the end and just prior to drawing her last breath smiled faintly at part of her employees and exclaimed, "Well, Marion, I haven't cried yet."

WANDERED FROM SANITORIUM IS KILLED BY TRAIN

(By The Associated Press.) GREENSBORO, Feb. 6.—The lifeless body of John H. Broyles, 52, who disappeared from a local sanatorium last night, was found beside the Southern Railway tracks early today. He had evidently wandered away from the sanatorium during the night and was struck by a train.

GOVERNOR RUSSELL DEFENDANT IN \$100,000 DAMAGE SUIT

(By The Associated Press.) JACKSON, MISS., Feb. 6.—A \$100,000 damage suit charging Governor Lee M. Russell, of Mississippi, with seducing a former employee of his office, was filed against the chief executive this morning, in the United States District Court here.

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MASS MEETING FOR JEWISH RELIEF CANVASS

Citizens Called to Meet Tuesday Night at Chamber of Commerce to Make Plans for Drive - Appeal From Jewish Sufferers in Europe Is Insistent. The following appeal is issued to the citizens of Gastonia: Mr. A. G. D. Cohen, Southern field director for the drive for the relief of the Jewish war sufferers of Eastern Europe, will be in Gastonia Tuesday, February 7, to assist in opening the drive that is now being made all over the country for this purpose.

BABINGTON REPLIES TO VEILED CRITICISMS ABOUT ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL

Destitute Orphan Children Are Treated Absolutely Free of Cost—Like Other State Institutions, the Orthopaedic Expects Those Who Are Able to Pay Nominal Charge—Tuberculosis Hospital Should Be Built at Expense of All the People, According to Their Possessions. The aim and purpose of the institution has always been, and is at this time, to provide a hospital where the neglected, crippled or destitute, orphans, deformed child would be received, cared for and treated without cost, just as free as the air that blows across that beautiful hill. We are doing this. Perhaps, more than half of the patients are treated free. Children whose parents are living and have means, are required to pay \$1.00 per day, to help pay less than 50 per cent of the daily expense per child, which enables the institution to remain open.

COTTON MARKET

CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET. NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Cotton futures closed strong. March 16.65; May 16.40; July 16.33; October 15.16; December 15.92. TODAY'S COTTON MARKET Cotton Seed 49 1/2¢ Strict to Good Middling 16 1/2¢

SIX COMPLETED TREATIES MARK MOST IMPORTANT WORK OF ARMS CONFERENCE

Naval Strength Limited, Sub Warfare Banned, China Given Rights, Pacific Problem Settled. In Addition to Six Principal Treaties There Are Fourteen Resolutions and Ten Separate Decisions of National Policy - Poison Gas Is Prohibited, Japan Hands Back Shantung and Promises to Withdraw From Siberia - Open Door Policy to Be Applied in China. (By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Six completed treaties, two others agreed to in substance, 14 resolutions, and ten separate or joint decisions of national policy, comprise the formal and tangible contribution of the arms conference negotiations to history.

By the major agreements of the conference the great powers put a limit on their naval strength in capital ships, all but submarine warfare against commerce and use of poison gas, gave China a new bill of rights, based on territorial integrity, and the open door, and set up a new international covenant to preserve peace in the Pacific.

The six treaties which, during the twelve weeks of negotiations here, have been brought to final completion. 1. The naval limitation treaty, by which the United States, Great Britain, Japan, France and Italy agree to scrap or convert 68 capital ships, and so limit future construction that, after a ten year building holiday, their first line naval strength will remain at 325,000 tons, 525,000 tons, 315,000 tons, 175,000 tons and 175,000 tons, respectively. The respective tonnage of airplane carriers is limited to 135,000 tons each for the United States and Great Britain, 81,000 tons for Japan, and 60,000 tons each for France and Italy.

2. The submarine and poison gas treaties, which the same five powers agree to sign. By its terms the powers agree to withdraw from declaring the nations "in honor bound" not to dispose of ships which are listed for scrapping, before the treaty is ratified. 3. The four power Pacific treaty, by which the United States, Great Britain, Japan and France agree to respect one another's rights in relation to their island possessions in the Pacific, and to meet in consultation whenever those rights are threatened.

4. The general Far Eastern treaty, between the United States, Great Britain, Japan, France, Italy, China, Belgium, Portugal and the Netherlands, binding each of them to respect China's integrity, the open door policy is to be applied in detail, and every opportunity is to be given the Chinese people to develop a stable government. It is agreed that no treaty infringing these principles is to be concluded, that no contracts violating them are to be applied, that extraterritorial privileges in the Chinese railways, if any, and that China's rights as a neutral are to be respected in future wars.

5. The Chinese tariff treaty, adhered to by the same five nations, providing international machinery for an immediate revision of Chinese customs duties on a basis of five per cent effective, and periodical revisions thereafter, together with changes which will permit imposition of surtaxes. 6. The Shantung treaty, between Japan and China, by which Shantung is returned to Chinese control.

7. The four power Pacific treaty, by which the United States, Great Britain, Japan and France agree to respect one another's rights in relation to their island possessions in the Pacific, and to meet in consultation whenever those rights are threatened. The Anglo-Japanese alliance is automatically abrogated when the new treaty finally is ratified.

MRS. OBENCHAIN GOES ON TRIAL TODAY

(By The Associated Press.) LOS ANGELES, CALIF., Feb. 6.—The trial of Mrs. Madalynne Obenchain, accused of the murder of J. Belton Kennedy, her former sweetheart, was on the calendar of the Superior Court here today.

Mrs. Obenchain is charged with having conspired with Arthur C. Burch, who, when attending college at Evansville, Ind., to slay Kennedy. Kennedy was shot in Beverly Glen, near here, on the night of August 5, last, it being alleged Burch did the shooting after Mrs. Obenchain lured Kennedy to the Glen. Burch was placed on trial last November 22 and the jury was discharged January 16 after disagreeing, the final ballot being 10 to 2 for conviction.

ARBUCKLE'S THIRD TRIAL TO BE SET

(By The Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6.—The date of Roscoe Arbuckle's third trial on a manslaughter charge arising from the death of Virginia Rapp, was to be set today by Superior Judge Harold Louderback. Two previous trials resulted in jury discharges. The first trial jury when discharged stood 10 to 2 for acquittal and the second jury 10 to 2 for conviction.

Arbuckle is alleged to have inflicted fatal injury upon Miss Rapp during the course of a drinking party staged in his suite at the hotel St. Francis here last Labor Day. Her death occurred several days later.

FIFTY-YEAR-OLD TO DEFEND WRESTLING TITLE NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Stanislaus Zbyszko, world heavyweight wrestling champion, who is nearing the fifty mark in years, will defend his title tonight against a former champion, Earl Cuddock, who is two decades his junior.