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## U. S. Asks China To Surrender Missionary

### Believed Janitor to Be a Burglar Dr. F. F. Tucker Shoots Chinaman

Washington, July 22.—The American government today demanded that Chinese authorities who are holding Dr. Francis F. Tucker, an American missionary, surrender him to United States officials in accordance with provisions of the extra territorial treaties.

Dr. Tucker, member of the American board of commissioners for foreign missions, is under arrest at Tsinanfu for fatally shooting a Chinese employe of the Mission hospital at Tsehow.

Under the extra territorial treaty between the United States and China, Americans can be arrested by Chinese authorities but must be turned over to this government for trial in the U. S. court in China.

The state department instructed American Minister Johnson, of Peiping, to insure a thorough investigation by competent American authorities and the handling of the case in accordance with treaty provisions relating to jurisdiction over Americans in China.

The department's action was based upon a report from Johnson. Chinese authorities are said to have demanded the missionary's execution, an apology from the American minister and the payment of an indemnity.

Johnson said the American consul at Tsinanfu had requested that Dr. Tucker be surrendered to him.

The shooting for which Dr. Tucker is held occurred July 11. According to his own statement, a resume of which was forwarded to the department today by the American legation, Dr. Tucker believed the Chinaman to be a burglar.

He was a janitor employed at the hospital. He died shortly afterwards and Dr. Tucker said he at once notified local Chinese authorities.

## Nine Prisoners Granted Paroles

### Governor Gardner Declines 13 Applications; Paroled Men Were All Short Termers

Raleigh, July 22.—Nine prisoners were paroled by Governor Gardner yesterday and 13 others denied executive clemency. Most of the prisoners paroled were those serving short terms, and largely for minor offenses.

The exception was the extension of clemency to Ceph Thomas, negro of Cleveland county, who was convicted of manslaughter, at the January, 1930, Superior Court and sentenced to serve from three to five years.

Following are the paroles granted: Angus Black, Moore county, serving 18 months after conviction August, 1930, term of court, of violating the prohibition laws. Lonnie Hollis, Catawba county, convicted of reckless driving at Hickory, and sentenced to serve 60 days. Lane Neal, Randolph county, convicted of highway robbery, and sentenced to serve 31-2 years.

Zade Sprinkle, convicted in Buncombe county in May, 1930, of manslaughter, and sentenced to four to six years. Ransom Florence, convicted in Alliance county of assault with a deadly weapon in April and sentenced to eight months. Whit Williams, Vance county, convicted in June, 1931, of failing to pay a fine and costs, and sentenced to 90 days. Ellsworth Allen and J. D. Brown, convicted in May, 1931, in Buncombe county of stealing chickens and given short terms.

## Condition Is Favorable

### Major Matt H. Allen Reported as Resting Well After Motor Accident

Kinston, July 21.—Condition of Major Matt H. Allen, chairman of the state industrial commission, injured in a highway accident south of here last night, was favorable this evening. He is in Parrott hospital. Surgeons believe he escaped internal injury, suffering a broken right leg and gash on the head.

Major Allen was en route alone in a sedan from Swansboro to upstate points when he passed a truck drawing a lurching trailer. The trailer swung toward the car. Allen, believing it would crash against it, drove to his right. The wheels ran onto the soft shoulder. An instant later the sedan was plowing through a ditch. It struck a concrete culvert, wrecking the motor. Allen's mother, Mrs. Oliver H. Allen, and other relatives reside here.

## Lightning Is Fatal

Wilson, July 21.—Lightning struck and instantly killed Abraham Bynum, negro tenant farmer, and destroyed a tobacco barn on B. S. Boykin's farm on East Nash road this afternoon shortly after 3 o'clock.

Bynum, alone, with a half dozen other negroes had sought refuge in the barn from this afternoon's electrical storm and was sitting between his wife and a little negro girl when the bolt of lightning killed him and set fire to the barn. Bynum's wife and the girl were hurled to the ground and were stunned by the lightning, but were not injured.

When the bolt struck the building the farm hands fled and when the fire broke out they rushed in with buckets of water to extinguish it. Bynum's body was then discovered in a sitting position. The body was situated on the floor destroyed by the lightning.

## Rev. J. E. White Dies Suddenly

### Was Prominent Baptist Minister and Native of North Carolina

Savannah, Ga., July 21.—Rev. John E. White, pastor of the First Baptist church, of Savannah, and president of the Georgia Baptist convention, died here unexpectedly this afternoon. Heart disease caused his death.

A few weeks ago he underwent treatment in a hospital here after suffering from a heart attack and overwork. He remained at the hospital for a week and was thought to have recovered sufficiently to rest at his home and later take a vacation in Maine. It was at his home that he died. He was to have gone north in a few days.

Dr. White came to Savannah in 1927 from Anderson, S. C., having left the presidency of Anderson, a Baptist college, to become pastor of the First Baptist church here.

For more than 40 years Dr. White who first gained attention as captain of one of the south's earliest football teams, has occupied a position of prominence in Baptist circles of North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia.

He was born near Raleigh, in 1869. He took up the study of law and received a degree from Wake Forest before he was 20 years old. At the age of 22 he was working for the establishment of Marshall college. It was at this time that he entered the ministry.

He held pastorates at Wilson and Edenton, N. C., and was elected general secretary of the North Carolina Baptist convention. In 1900 he accepted a call to the Second Baptist church of Atlanta. For 15 years he occupied this charge and during that time he saw the church grow into one of the foremost in the south.

From Atlanta he went to Anderson, S. C., to become president of the Baptist college there and pastor of the First Baptist church of Anderson. It was 12 years later, in 1927, that he accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Savannah.

Dr. White was elected president of the Georgia Baptist convention in 1929 to succeed Dr. John D. Mell, who had served the convention 17 years. He was a president of the Protestant Ministers' association of Savannah, and a trustee of Mercer university and of Shorter college.

Dynamic and sturdily built, he was interested in athletics and for more than 20 years had been an enthusiastic golfer. He received his first instructions in the use of golf clubs from John D. Rockefeller during a visit at the home of the oil magnate.

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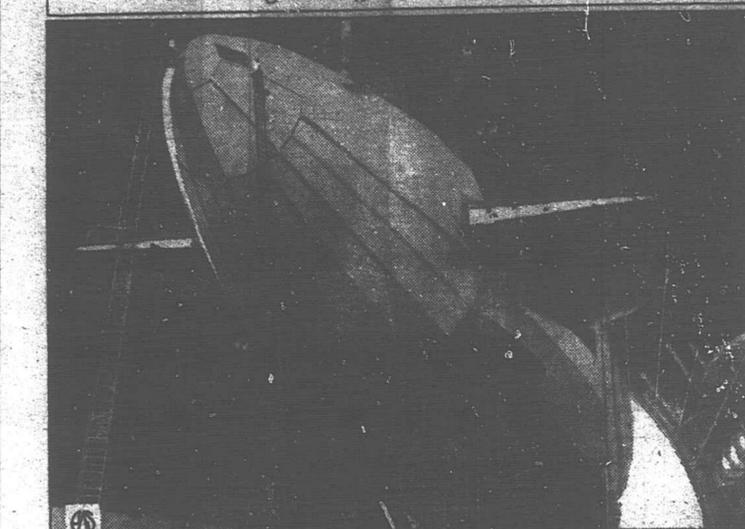
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## First U. S. Treasurer

The man whom you ask for a check in payment for what he owes you, usually gives you an overdrawn blank look.

## World's Largest Dirigible Nearly Ready for Air



Finishing touches are being put on the Akron, which will be formally named on August 8. The photograph shows the three fins in place and the outer covering being applied to the ship's tail. Each fin is forty feet wide and 105 feet in length. The Akron is 785 feet long and weighs 22,000 pounds. It can lift 182,000 pounds of "pay load" besides its own weight. Mrs. Hoover will christen the dirigible by liberating a flock of doves.

## N. C. Leads in Wood Furniture

### Holds Position of Fifth State in Manufacture of All Kinds of Wooden Household Furniture

Raleigh, July 22.—North Carolina entrenched herself still further as the leader in the manufacture of wooden bedroom and dining room furniture, and maintained her position as the fifth state in the manufacture of all kinds of wooden household furniture in 1929, according to a statement released today by the State Department of Conservation and Development, based on recent census reports. Only New York, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan exceeded North Carolina in the total value of all household furniture produced.

The statement also points out that wooden household furniture is rapidly gaining in popularity over metal furniture. The value of wooden household furniture produced in the United States increased from \$572,488,443 in 1927, to \$611,680,810 in 1929, or by 6.8 per cent; while during the same period metal house furniture declined by 24.5 per cent, or from \$40,390,229 to \$30,443,464.

In North Carolina bedroom furniture makes up the largest portion of the total value of all furniture manufactured. In 1929 this item alone amounted to more than half the total value of all household furniture, or \$27,702,092; as compared with \$26,523,852 in 1927. The second most important class of furniture produced in this state is wooden dining room furniture. In 1929 this item was valued at \$13,735,485, which represented a slight decline as compared with the 1927 valuation of \$14,404,118. Living room furniture ranks third in value, amounting to \$9,244,988, in 1929, as compared with \$7,643,494 in 1927. Porch furniture increased in value from \$291,904 in 1927 to \$46,578 in 1929; hall furniture from approximately eleven thousand to about thirty-seven thousand dollars in 1929; and miscellaneous and unclassified items increased from \$377,895 in 1927 to \$612,792 in 1929. In 1929 all wooden household furniture manufactured in North Carolina amounted in value to \$53,414,111 which represented an increase of 4.6 per cent over the \$50,996,065 worth of wooden furniture manufactured for household use in 1927.

Conservation officials pointed out that the value of metal and fibre furniture is not included in the above totals for North Carolina as those figures are not yet available. In 1927, these two items amounted to more than two and a half million dollars. Assuming that the 1929 valuations were as great as those of 1927, and they were perhaps greater, the total value of all kinds of furniture manufactured in the state would approximate fifty-six million dollars. The total value in 1927 was \$53,551,220.

## Farmville to Be Key Market For Eastern Carolina in Federal Grading Service

E. D. McNewell, of the State-Federal Grading Service, paid Farmville a visit on Tuesday for the purpose of opening offices and making the town a key market for this section in the tobacco grading service. Examinations with a view to securing men to put in charge of the key offices of the state were held in Goldsboro Wednesday evening. Several local men tried out for the position here.

## New Tobacco Plant Here Now

### China - American Tobacco Company Opens Big Factory in Tobacco Town

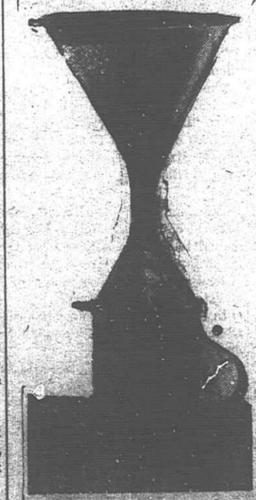
Greenville, July 21.—K. W. Cobb, supervisor of sales of the Greenville tobacco market, stated this morning that the China-American Tobacco Co., whose plant covers an entire block in the heart of Tobacco Town, has been thoroughly overhauled and reconditioned for the handling of the 1931 crop on this market. The China-American Tobacco Co. is a new organization on this market but has been in the tobacco business for several years. They are buyers for the domestic and foreign trade. Their plant, which covers an entire city block, is well equipped with the latest and most modern machinery for the handling of tobacco. The plant has a capacity of 106,000 pounds of tobacco each day. This new company's plant is a valuable addition to the Greenville tobacco market.

Mr. W. L. Guthrie will be buying manager, and will be assisted by the following experienced tobacco men: W. W. Phelps, R. B. Sparrow, Henry Gregory and Mr. McGee.

## Favors Roosevelt for Next President

Washington, July 21.—Representative Howard, Democrat, Nebraska, today declared himself in favor of Governor Roosevelt of New York, for President. Howard proposed a five year moratorium on home mortgages, principal payments with interest payments to be continued.

## Trophy for Fast Steppers



This handsome loving cup, offered by John A. Park, publisher of The Raleigh Times, is the prize award in the competition between Josephine, the speedy, sprinting terrapin from Asheville, and Finoes, "full of hops," fast frog from Kinston, in the Morehead City derby on July 23, during the annual convention of the North Carolina Press Association.

## French Armaments Reduced to Lowest Possible Point, Declares the French Government

Paris, July 21.—French armaments have been reduced to the lowest possible point, the government declared in a memorandum on disarmament issued today in answer to the request of the league of nations council for information, preliminary to the 1932 world disarmament conference at Geneva.

In the memorandum France takes the position that disarmament is a political, rather than a technical question. The country, it said, has reached the low limit in disarming in the present state of Europe and the world, and it resists any suggestion that disarmament can be based either on population alone or in relation to the strictly limited armament imposed upon the central powers at the end of the world war.

The declaration was considered here to indicate clearly that France, believing she had reduced her armament to the lowest point under present conditions, would find it necessary to make increases in case any action were taken relieving Germany of the limitations imposed by the treaties.

To assure the security which France continues to insist is the only basis for disarmament the government considers it is necessary for it to develop a system of mutual guarantees, such as the Rhine guarantees signed in connection with the Locarno pacts.

It also suggests a second agreement by the signatory powers to any disarmament agreement, undertaking consent to use of their armed forces of the powers against an aggressor, the aggressor to be designated by the league of nations.

## Chevrolet Fleet Sales Show Healthy Increase

Large industries in their purchases of automobiles in fleet quantities for commercial use apparently are paying little attention to "buying lulls" and depressions, a survey of Chevrolet's fleet sales for the first six months of the year discloses.

During this period fleet sales increased 9.4 per cent over the same period last year, 71 per cent over the first six months of 1929, and came within 2,000 units of equaling the figure for the full year of 1928. These figures include passenger cars and trucks purchased by large companies who contract to take a given amount of equipment within an agreed period.

The gain already recorded this year over previous years is expected to be maintained throughout 1931 in line with the domestic sales expectations recently expressed by H. J. Klingler, vice president and general sales manager.

Not only have sales of fleet units gained this year over previous half-years, but the number of fleet users likewise has increased until today practically every large fleet operator in the country numbers Chevrolet among his equipment, according to Sidney Corbett, manager of the commercial car division. Among the largest users are the United States government, public utility, tire and rubber, packing house, telephone, telegraph and express companies. Of nearly 500 users of Chevrolet fleet equipment, 73 have purchased 27,805 units to date, Mr. Corbett said.

## Four Are Held in Stranger's Death

### Widow's Will Full of Surprises

### Mrs. Henderson Spurns Foster Granddaughter, \$200,000 to Secretary

Washington, July 21.—The will of the late Mrs. Mary F. Henderson, naming Miss Frances and Henry N. Arnold, of New York, instead of a foster granddaughter, as chief legatees to an estate that may total millions of dollars, was filed today in the District of Columbia Supreme court.

The wealthy widow of Senator Henderson, of Missouri, died last week at her summer home in Far Harbor, Me. In her will she cut off Mrs. Beatrice Henderson Wholean, who last winter attempted to frustrate the dowager's lifelong unrealized ambition to make one of her many properties an official home for vice presidents.

To Jesse Shima, 26 year old Japanese private secretary, Mrs. Henderson bequeathed \$200,000, half of which was left in trust to the executor, Geo. E. Edelin.

To Representative Gibson, of Vermont, the document allotted \$5,000, and to the Smithsonian institution a famous collection of paintings and other objects of art.

A trust fund of \$365,000, executed for Mrs. Wholean in 1925, the document recorded, was irrevocable.

But her automobiles, her jewels, her clothes, all tangible and intangible property except a few bequests, the 90 year old widow declared should be divided between the Arnolds, a middle-aged niece and nephew.

The will was dated last April 8—shortly after Mrs. Wholean instituted proceedings to remove Mrs. Henderson as executor of the wills of her husband and son. Two litigations growing out of this suit are still unsettled.

Shima, who began to work for Mrs. Henderson about six years ago, smiled and professed surprise at the size of his inheritance. He said Mrs. Henderson had treated him "like a son," and that they often read and talked together in the famous Henderson house, known as Boundary Castle. The Japanese said he might continue a law course dropped several years ago, or study medicine.

## Final Rites Held for Jesse Gay, Sr.

Funeral rites for Jesse Gay, Sr., age 78 years, were held from the home on Grimmsburg street yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, services being conducted by Rev. A. C. D. Noe, of Ayden, a former rector of the local Episcopal church, assisted by Rev. J. A. Beckwith, the present rector. Final Masonic honors were accorded Mr. Gay, who was among the pioneers of the Farmville lodge, and the oldest member. Interment was made in Forest Hill cemetery. The floral offerings were handsome and large.

Mr. Gay had been critically ill for three weeks, and his death which occurred at 4 o'clock Monday morning, was not unexpected. Ill health had forced him several years before as a prominent farmer of this county, and move here. Of a kindly, charitable and genial nature, it has been said that he never had an enemy throughout his life.

Mr. Gay was born in South Carolina, but came to this section at an early age after the War Between the States, with his mother, a native of Eastern Carolina, following the death of his father in a Northern prison, after being taken prisoner at Fort Fisher by the Federal army. He was married in 1879 to Miss Laura Pender, who preceded him to the grave by eleven years. He was the last member of his immediate family of several brothers and sisters.

Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Boyd Parker and Mrs. A. A. Stewart, of Wilmington; Mrs. J. A. Burnette, of Baltimore; Misses Lizzie and Sue Gay, of Farmville; a son, Walter G. Gay, of Farmville, and a foster son, Arthur D. Gay, also of Farmville, and several grandchildren.

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## New Exalted Ruler



John R. Conn, Sterling, Col., was chosen head of the Elks in 1931.

## Driver of Car Out on Joy Ride Not Allowed Privilege of Bond

Smithfield, July 22.—Vilas Johnson was arrested late Tuesday night by Coroner James M. Kirkman and placed in the Johnston county jail without the privilege of bail, pending a further investigation into the death of the unidentified man found dead on Highway 22 early Sunday morning.

Ed S. Abell, Jr., son of Col. Ed S. Abell, prominent lawyer and politician, Thomas Lemay, and Kenneth Parrish are held as material witnesses under \$500 bond, each. These young men were Johnson's companions at the time the unknown man was killed.

Johnson and his companions admitted that they were out driving on Highway 22, with Johnson driving the car when they testified at the inquest held here Tuesday in the court house. These young men state that they went no further on the highway from Smithfield than to Holt's lake, which is nearly two miles short of the place the dead man was found.

An examination of the front of Johnson's car, a Ford coupe, revealed numerous dark colored spots, presumed to be blood. Johnson stated that the spots were merely paint. The young men are said to have been drinking.

Witnesses at the inquest described the man found dead as being between 23 and 25 years of age. His height was five feet ten inches and he weighed about 170 pounds. His clothing was shabby, though clean, and his person is said to have been clean. He is described as having light brown hair and a dark complexion. He was wearing a thin dress shirt and khaki trousers with an army regulation belt. His necktie bore a Brooklyn, N. Y., trademark. He wore a woolen cap and low quartered shoes badly worn. There were no identifying marks of any kind on his clothing. There is a laundry mark on his shirt, but this is so dim that a witness stated that even a strong magnifying glass does not make it legible. It looks more like "P. K." than anything else.

A search of the dead man's pockets revealed only a pouch of tobacco and one match left in a small complimentary match holder bearing the advertisement of "Thomas M. Slack, Hudson-Essex dealer, Main street, Coatsville, Pa."

The Hudson-Essex dealer in Pennsylvania has been communicated with, and a Fort Bragg officer has viewed the body to determine whether or not it might be some young man from Fort Bragg. Monday finger prints were made and sent to Washington.

## Former Cashier Gives Evidence

### Roache Says M. Douglas Clarke Knew of False Entries on Bank Books

Wilmington, July 22.—Calling Jesse F. Roache to the stand as its first witness, the state today played the best card in its hand in its effort to convict M. Douglas Clarke, former assistant cashier, on a dozen counts of false entry on the books of the now defunct Home Savings Bank.

The defense, in cross examination of the convicted cashier, who is serving a six to ten year sentence for his part in the bank's debacle, did its best to trump the prosecution's ace.

From Roache, District Solicitor Woodus Kellum drew the first testimony which charged Clarke with direct and explicit knowledge of the falsity of the entries with which he is charged. On direct examination the convict-cashier said flatly that in at least three of the instances alleged in the bill of indictment, Clarke conferred with him before making the entries, then made them for the express purpose of boosting the cash reserve of the bank to a point where it would pass the scrutiny of state banking authorities.

In these cases, Roache swore, the entries were made in order to prepare "call" reports for the state corporation commission.

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