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ACTRESS DECLARES SHE CANNOT SOLVE MURDER MYSTERY

QUESTION MISS NORMAND

The District Attorney is Firm in His Belief That the Missing Butler of the Dead Man is the Important Person in the Case and Frantic Search is Made for Him.

Los Angeles, Feb. 11.—Along what lines the investigation into the death of Wm. Desmond Taylor would proceed today was not divulged by Thos. Lee Wolwine district attorney, but he said it would be continued. The district attorney declined to say whether his program called for the summoning of any persons to his office, or whether today would be devoted to some other angle of the case, which he described as devoid of all workable clues. This followed closely on a night session at his office, with more than three hours given to a questioning of Mabel Normand the film actress one of the last persons to see Taylor alive. Miss Normand according to Mr. Wolwine was unable to add anything to the police data, but apparently confirmed the district attorney's belief in the importance for locating Sands for he later said, "Sands is the man we must find."

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MCADAMS DEFENDS FEDERAL RESERVE

Says Ignorance as Well as Prejudice is Responsible for Attacks on Reserve Banks.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 11.—Thos. B. McAdams, president of the American Bankers Association made a vigorous defense of the federal reserve system in an address at a banquet of the Richmond chapter of the American Institute of Banking last night.

It was contended by Mc. McAdams that ignorance as well as prejudice is largely responsible for the attacks that have been made against the federal reserve system. Senators he said stood on the floor of Congress and made statements that were untrue, not maliciously but because "they don't know what they are talking about."

But for the reserve system the country would have been plunged in the worst panic the world has ever known, Mr. McAdams said, but as it is the system has been the salvation of business, making possible the rejuvenation of business after a trying depression.

PREDICTION THAT McLEAN WILL BE NEXT GOVERNOR

(By Max Abernethy.)

Raleigh, Feb. 11.—That part of the Democratic party in the State known as "rash and romantic" is finding difficulty picking a sizeable candidate to make the race for governor in 1924 against Wilton McLean, and the belief is freely expressed that the nomination will go to the Lumberton man unanimously.

At first blush this seemed to be a good piece of propaganda for Mr. McLean and that it was being circulated by his friends in an effort to shut off aspirants who would like to try for gubernatorial honors. An investigation, however, into things political indicates that there are few, if any, who care to stand up against Candidate McLean. "Rash and romantic" Democracy serves notice that they will find opposition for Mr. McLean but his name cannot be announced at this time.

RAILROADERS AND MINERS WILL MEET IN CHICAGO SOON

LEWIS IS DELIGHTED

He Sees in the Planned Co-operation Between the Two Big Labor Organizations a Reflection of the "Determination to Utilize Every Proper Means" of Aiding Labor.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 11.—The first joint meeting of the representatives of the railroad men's organizations and the United Mine Workers of America will be held in Chicago Feb. 21st according to an announcement made today by John Lewis, president of the Mine Workers.

President Lewis said the acceptance by the railroad organizations of the miners' invitation to enter a joint meeting was practically unanimous. "It indicates that the organized railway workers and mine workers" said a statement issued by Mr. Lewis "have profound appreciation for the necessity for closer co-operation and reflects determination to utilize every proper means of protecting the interests of the men employed in these basic industries."

Mr. Lewis concluded his statement expressing belief that the Chicago meeting will "be fruitful of results that will reflect credit on the organizations and demonstrate capacity of labor to intelligently organize for promotion its ideals."

FARMVILLE WILL HAVE A ROTARY CLUB.

Kinston, Feb. 10.—Farmville has qualified for a Rotary Club, local Rotarians understood today, and may claim the honor of being the smallest town in the United States to have a club. It will be the second in Pitt county. The first, at Greenville, as the first club in the world to erect a Rotary "home." The Greenville club's quarters have been held up as a model for Rotarians everywhere.

GENERAL NFWS

Benny Leonard, world's lightweight boxing champion, successfully defended his title against Rocky Kansas of Buffalo in a fifteen round bout in New York last night.

Durham citizens have pledged to erect houses to relieve the housing situation there, the total number of new houses in sight for the town being 100.

George A. Norwood of Goldsboro has been elected president of the Tri-State Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association which comprises the State of North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.

JOHNNIE MOORE FOUND GUILTY MINNIE MOORE

FOUND NOT GUILTY

Judge Horton Gave Moore Two Years With Privilege of Hiring Out for \$15.00 Per Month. Must Appear at Every Term Criminal Court During Time.

Judge Horton said this morning in sentencing Johnny Moore for the killing of Andrew Moore that six months was not sufficient punishment for a crime of manslaughter, or murder in the second degree, but that on account of the tender age of defendant, being only eighteen years old and realizing something of the environment under which the boy had been living that he was going to give him a chance to make a man of himself and keep faith with him. His honor said also that he knew he would be criticised for his sentence but he could stand that. All the compensation he desired was to see Moore quit his ways, and live a clean life. The belief was general his honor said that he had not been living the right sort of life with Mrs. Moore and he instructed the solicitor to pray for judgment in the case if Moore should be found to have disobeyed the least particle the order of the court. He gave Moore two years in jail, with permission to be hired out for \$15.00 per month, the money to go in the regular county funds. Moore is also to report here at every criminal court to show that he has been of (Continued on page Ten.)

RETURNED HOME TODAY.

Judge Horton returned to his home in Farmville this afternoon through the country, driving over with his sister-in-law Miss Beulah Keel.

MARKETS

COTTON.

New York, Feb. 11.—Much of the opening advance of 7 to 10 points in the cotton market today was due to supporting orders from Liverpool and the trade. There was also some covering for over the holidays, but the demand was not aggressive and subsequent selling pressure from New Orleans and Wall Street weakened the market.

New York, Feb. 11.—Cotton futures opened steady: March 17.20, May 16.94, July 16.50, Oct. 15.90, Dec. 15.80.

N. Y. COTTON OPENED

Mar. 17.23, May 16.93, July 16.50, Oct. 15.95, Dec. 15.80.

CLOSE OF COTTON MARKET.

New York, Feb. 11.—Cotton closed barely steady March 17.21, May 17.00; July 16.50; Oct. 15.97; Dec. 15.87.

N. Y. COTTON CLOSED

Mar. 17.30, May 17.00, July 16.53, Oct. 15.97, Dec. 15.88. Spots, Wilson market 15 3-4c.

CHICAGO GRAIN OPENED

Wheat, May 1.32, July 1.18. Corn, May 59 3-8, July 61 3-4. Oats, May 40 1-2, July 41 3-4.

12 O'CLOCK MARKET

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Sterling 4.32, France 848, Lire 478 1-2, Marks 49 1-4.

STOCKS.

New York, Feb. 11.—Reactions of one point in Gulf State Steel featured the reactionary tone of the stock market. Other steels and oils eased fractionally under professional pressure.

Rails alone displayed firmness although subjected to realizing sales. Prices steadied in part before the end of the first half hour.

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FRANCE INSISTS ON ENFORCEMENT OF THE LEAGUE

BOTHERS GENOA MEET

The United States Was Ready to Write a Note Declining to Attend the Genoa Conference Because of Lack of Information When France Opens up Questions.

(By David Lawrence.) (Copyright 1922 by The Daily Times.)

Washington, Feb. 10.—Premier Poincare of France has again upset all calculations as to when a get-together conference can be held between America and Europe.

The latest note from the French government addressed to the United States and other powers opens up some old controversies and makes it necessary for the Washington government to modify the reply which was expected to go forward today explaining why this government feels it inadvisable for the present to accept or reject the invitation to participate in the world economic conference at Genoa.

Premier Poincare revives the league of nations fight by insisting that France will not permit the Genoa conference to infringe in any way on the province of the league of nations either with respect to reparations or any other measures for the making of peace in Europe. The Harding Administration has been able to do business with Europe through the creation of a Supreme Council which has for the last two years at least taken over many of the functions of the league particularly in the matter of reparations. This Council has been abolished for the time being by France.

Everybody here knows that the French premier is not so fond of the league of nations itself as he is the enforcement clauses of the Versailles treaty which are bestowed upon the league of nations to carry out. To abandon the league means to abandon the tight legal hold which France has over Germany for the next generation.

Until the note came from Premier Poincare, the United States government was basing its refusal to participate on a lack of precise information as to the scope of the conference. For one thing, the American government wanted to know more about the intention of the powers toward the Russian soviets. The British government is ready to accept the promises of a reformed bolshevik government while the Department of State here insists that the changes must be accomplished facts before commercial or political relations should be resumed.

But Russia would not be an obstacle to American participation in the Genoa conference if everything else were smoothed out. Unless the powers of Europe are ready to discuss reparations, the officials of the American government see no practical advantage to the conference. All discussion of reducing the allied war debt to the United States is regarded as futile if the debts of Germany to the Allies are not to be considered.

The situation is drifting for the moment from close cooperation with Europe which it had been hoped would be a direct consequence of the Arms conference to one of isolation for France and for the United States respectively. The British are in a middle position anxious to bring about another conference if there is any way possible to compromise the opposite viewpoint of the United States and France. The Washington administration favors the conference idea and would go to Genoa in a minute if the program were limited and if all the powers agreed to look at the situation from a practical viewpoint. The will to agree is not yet apparent and the spirit of the French reply is interpreted here as one of procrastination. The Poincare policy (Continued on Page 3.)

DR. MANNING WAS FREED BY JURY IN TWO MINUTES

DRUG SELLING CHARGE

Judge Connor Deplored the Fact That Dr. Manning Had Been Arrested Under Such a Flimsy Pretext and Declared He Was to be Congratulated Upon His

Raleigh, Feb. 11.—A verdict of not guilty was returned by a jury in federal court here after two minutes deliberation in the case of Dr. J. M. Manning, mayor of Durham, charged with violating the narcotic law.

The government contended that in four instances Dr. Manning sold morphine to drug addicts not in the regular line of his professional work. Following the announcement of the verdict Judge Henry G. Connor announced in open court that he considered it an outrage that Dr. Manning or any other citizen should have been arrested on such flimsy grounds and an outrage that the committing officer should have placed him under a \$10,000 bond.

"It is utterly incomprehensible to me," said Judge Connor, "that a man of Dr. Manning's standing in his community should have been placed under such a bond. As soon as I heard of the amount of the bond I directed a letter to all the commissioners telling them not to violate the spirit and letter of the constitution by holding people under bail. It is not only the duty of this court to enforce law but also to protect the citizens of the district, and if I hear of any other such exercise of authority this court intends to see what can be done to protect the citizens. The government agent has no right to suggest to a United States Commissioner or any other judicial officer the amount of bond under which a man shall be placed. "Dr. Manning has been acquitted by a jury of his countrymen and is to be congratulated," the court concluded.

WORK IS SURE TO GET POST

Denver, Col., Feb. 11.—Samuel D. Nicholson, United States Senator from Colorado said here last night he expected announcement by President Harding of Dr. Hubert Work as postmaster general within ten days. Postmaster General Hays will retire March 4.

WEATHER.

For North Carolina cloudy tonight and Sunday, probably rain, colder Sunday and in north and west portions tonight fresh southwest and west winds becoming easterly Sunday.

MUCH INTEREST IN FUTURE PLANS OF "UNCLE" JOE

Danville, Ill., Feb. 11.—Will "Uncle" Joe Cannon make the race for Congressman from this district? This is the question that is admittedly troubling a number of men who openly aspire to fill the veteran's chair in the United States House of Representatives but who just as openly announce they will not run if "Uncle" Joe intends to.

"Uncle" Joe has not yet filed his petition as a candidate. His failure to do it yesterday the first day of filings has set political gossips buzzing.

Only one man has thus far broken their ranks. He is State Representative William P. Holaday, who announced recently that he would be candidate before the April primaries regardless of "Uncle" Joe's decision.

Just what Congressman Cannon's political intentions for the immediate

LEXINGTON MAN WAS HELD UP ON LONELY ROADWAY

ROBBERED OF \$90 AND CAR

A Stranger Asked Mr. East to Drive Him to the Country and Upon Reaching a Lonely Spot Mr. East Was Robbed of His Car and \$90; It is Believed the Car Has

Lexington, Feb. 11.—Sewell East local transfer operator and former Lexington policeman was robbed of his automobile and over \$90 in money last night after a passenger he had received from a north bound train had forced him at the point of a pistol to drive three miles in the country toward Winston-Salem.

Early this morning the automobile was reported here as having been found by the roadside a short distance north of Thomasville. Officers believe the robber, who was familiar with the country, to have reached that point. Mr. East said a stranger, a white man, about 30 years old asked to be driven to Erlanger near which point he pointed a pistol at East and made him drive to a secluded spot. Then according to Mr. East he was forced to get up and go into the near by woods.

LAW INTERFERES WITH GYPSY LOVE

Romance of Gypsy Who Stole His Sweetheart from Another Clan Has Been Shattered.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 11.—Ancient gypsy tribal law ran afoul American criminal statutes here last night when three persons landed in jail on warrants sworn out in Delaware, Pa. Sheriff Hartsfield turned a deaf ear to a story of gypsy love and smashed hopes of an alleged wandering Romeo who is charged with kidnapping his Juliet from a rival clan in the Pennsylvania town.

The Sheriff found Geo. Peterson, 21, the alleged offender, making merry in a camp of gypsies near Irondale. Minnie Stanley, 14 years old, shared his tent officers said. The girl was kidnapped from Johnstown, Pa., on December of last year while on a visit according to Dick Stanley, a brother of the girl and Constable Williams of Delaware, Pa., who trailed the clan to Irondale. Besides Peterson, Mary Peterson, his mother, and the girl are in jail.

MOVED TO WILSON.

Mr. W. A. Allen of Four Oaks is now making his home in Wilson, residing at 602 West Gold street.

TEA WAS SERVED AT THE LIBRARY.

According to usual custom tea was served at the Wilson County Library at the Woman's Club building this afternoon from 3 until 5:30 to many friends who called. Mesdames Ashe Hines and Frank Lee were hostesses this afternoon. Members of the literary and educational department of the club serve tea at the library each Saturday afternoon.