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DENBY WOULD REDUCE NAVAL ACADEMY APPOINTMENTS

NO PRESENT REDUCTION

The First Class at Annapolis Will be Graduated; There Will be no Reduction in the Existing Strength of the Officers of the Line if Mr. Denby's Suggestions are Carried Out; His Program Would Effect Saving of Seven Million Dollars.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Secretary Denby appeared before the house naval committee to recommend the navy personnel for the next fiscal year be fixed at 90,000 men and 6,000 apprentices as compared with the 100,000 men and 6,000 apprentices now authorized.

Mr. Denby recommended there be no reduction in the existing strength of the line officers of the navy; that the first class at Annapolis be graduated and commissioned, but the appointments hereafter will be reduced for three for each member of Congress instead of 5.

100 destroyers will be placed out of commission he recommended and estimated the program he outlined would effect a saving of \$7,000,000.

Secretary Denby's statement pointed out that since 1919 the war time naval establishment had been reduced from 1,326 vessels in commission to 900, the commission personnel from 32,208 to 6,163 and the enlisted force from 480,723 to 100,999.

"It is not easy," he said, "to get back to normalcy from such vast expansion."

Mr. Denby said the net results of the naval limitation conference is that Great Britain is to have 22 capital ships the United States 18 and Japan 10, there being no limitation on the auxiliary combat craft except as to the size and armament of future vessels. When the conference opened Denby said the United States had 48 battleships, 35 cruisers and 317 destroyers, 148 submarines, 197 auxiliary craft and 164 "mosquito fleet" vessels.

"By the terms of the treaty" he said the United States will have remaining 18 battleships, 316 destroyers, 33 cruisers, 147 submarines, 196 auxiliaries, and 152 small vessels. It is clear that no definite conclusions as to the future strength of the United States navy should be reached until the ratification by the senate of the pending treaty because we shall not know absolutely until then that the treaty will become effective.

TONG MEN HAVE DECLARED WAR

Throughout Western States Tong Men Are on Guard, Several Have Been Killed.

San Francisco, Feb. 13.—Chinese tong men throughout the west were reported under cover or on guard as a result of an outbreak of a tong war last night when two Chinese were killed and a third wounded in Seattle, Washington, one was slain in Butte, Mont., and one was shot, probably fatally in San Jose, California.

In every instance the shooting was carried out in characteristic Tong war fashion.

While San Francisco has the largest Chinatown in the country no trouble had been reported here early today.

NOT MUCH RESULTS IN TAYLOR CASE.

Los Angeles, Feb. 13.—Investigation into Wm. Desmond Taylor's death will proceed today although it is a legal holiday according to District Attorney Wolwine.

While police detectives and deputies had not acknowledged defeat they admitted the case was one of the most bewildering. Eleven days have passed since the discovery of the director's body and the officers have worked under unusual pressure in tracking down what seemed like tangible clues and almost innumerable "tips."

SAID HE THOUGHT WIFE WAS BURGLAR

Shot His Wife to Death, Declared He Heard Noise and Was Trying to Locate Burglar.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 13.—Mrs. Catherine Flannery, aged 25 years, a member of a prominent family was shot and almost instantly killed last night in the apartment in which she lived with her husband and two children. Her husband was taken to police headquarters.

The authorities later gave out the statement in which Flannery was quoted as saying he heard a noise in her room and believing a burglar had entered the apartment he started in his wife's room. Pumping into his wife in the darkness, his weapon was discharged and fatally injured her. No formal charge has been made against him.

EXPORTS AT LOWEST EBB

Washington, Feb. 13.—Exports in January aggregated \$279,000,000 the lowest in seven months and amounted to a decrease of \$15,000,000 for month of December; Imports for January were \$216,000,000 as against \$209,000,000 in January 1921.

DEPORTING RADICALS.

New York, Feb. 13.—Ellis Island officials were today arranging for deportation for the ensuing week of 63 men and women just released from various Federal prisons in the Middle West. In the group are avowed anarchists, I. W. W.'s and members of radical parties.

Fourteen of the deportees are women, two of them having infants.

SUSPEND REMOVAL OF TROOPS FROM IRELAND.

Dublin, Feb. 13.—The evacuation of the British troops and other military forces from Dublin was suspended today. The sailing of steamers due to leave for Holyhead and Liverpool with contingents on board was cancelled. It was thought this action might be due to events in Ulster.

SOLDIER KILLED BY AN EAGLE

Santiago, Chili, Feb. 13.—A story of a soldier's fatal struggle with a huge eagle in a mountain pass near Los Andes last Saturday is told by the newspapers here. The soldier shot the eagle and thinking he had killed it approached, but the bird had suffered only a broken wing and furiously attacked him.

In the struggle the eagle's claws clutched the trigger of the gun which was discharged.

He died in the arms of his companion who took his body and also the eagle's body to Los Andes.

WEATHER

For North Carolina, mostly cloudy and colder tonight and Tuesday, probably rain in southeast portion tonight, fresh northerly winds.

GENERAL NFWS

Liquor imports during the past year increased by nearly \$1,500,000 as compared with 1920. Shipments of soft drinks into the country fell off by more than \$200,000.

Reuben M. Mitchell of Wake Forest was instantly killed at his home Saturday afternoon when he touched an electric light bulb at the instant it was charged with the only stroke of lightning felt during a slight storm.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul N. Howard (nee) Miss Pauline Sugg are visiting Mrs. T. B. Sugg.

JOBS ADVERTISED AT MUSCLE SHOALS NOT IN EXISTENCE

SELL THEM FOR \$1

Formal Opening of Governor Morrison's "Home Gardening" Campaign, Commercial Gardening is Urged as a Paying Proposition, Bank Officials May be Indicted.

(By Max Abernethy).

Raleigh, Feb. 13.—Peddling jobs which do not exist at Muscle Shoals to North Carolinians out of employment is one of quickest and surest ways of landing in jail, Commissioner of Labor and Printing M. L. Shipman, is advised by the U. S. Employment Service at Washington.

Sharks have been active in a number of States offering work to men and women who would like to go to Muscle Shoals with Henry Ford and (Continued on Page Six.)

COLLINS ISSUES WARNING.

London, Feb. 13.—Michael Collins head of Irish provisional government has sent a cablegram warning the American association for recognition of the Irish Republic not to assist or countenance a coup d'etat which he declared was being planned against the Irish provisional government says a dispatch today.

TOOK \$100,000 WORTH OF JEWELRY

St. Louis, Feb. 13.—Jewelry estimated by the hotel management to be valued at \$100,000 was obtained by bandits who early today looted the safety deposit boxes at the Washington hotel located in the western section of the city. H. A. Crofton, a night clerk was forced to open the safe. The jewelry was the property of the guests of the hotel.

PIEDMONT LEAGUE TO OPEN APRIL 26.

Greensboro, Feb. 13.—The Piedmont league will open Wednesday, April 26, and will close Saturday, September 16. The first half of the season will wind up July 1; the second half will begin Monday, July 3. This much was agreed upon at the meeting of the directors of the league held at the Elks club here Saturday morning.

TRENT RIVER DRAGGED FOR BOY'S BODY.

New Bern, Feb. 12.—Trent river near the New Bern end of the Norfolk Southern trestle was being dragged early today for the body of Frank Skinner, 11-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Skinner of South Front street, following the disappearance of the youth late yesterday while with young friends he was down on the river's edge.

While there were no witnesses to the drowning of young Skinner his playmates believe that he fell into the river. With them he had been out on the water in search of drifting logs to sell to local saw mills, but he had remained in the boat after they had climbed up on the trestle. A few minutes later his companions reported that young Skinner had disappeared, and a search for the body was started immediately.

LITIGATION ADJUSTED CONCERNING PERIODICALS.

Boston, Feb. 12.—The litigation has been adjusted which had for two years caused the Christian Science Monitor and the other periodicals issued by the Christian Science Publishing Society to be separated from the Christian Science church. A decree handed down by the Massachusetts Supreme Court Dec. 9, 1921 has allowed the Christian Science church to resume control of the periodicals issued by the Christian Science faith.

A number of new editors have been elected.

INTEREST CENTERS ON SENATE ACTION AS TO TREATIES

HARDING LIKE WILSON

In His Argument for Ratification of the Treaties the President Uses Language Much Like That of President Wilson in Submitting the Versailles Treaty.

(By David Lawrence.)

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Washington, Feb. 11.—The first impulse of the Democrats in the United States Senate is to ratify the group of treaties submitted by President Harding though in so doing they have in their hearts an unmistakable feeling that they ought to make an exception of the four-power Pacific treaty.

This treaty which puts an end to the Anglo-Japanese Alliance will be considered last and will be debated more than the others.

President Harding's address to the Senate is today the subject of much discussion in congressional circles. Its general effect was beneficial. But several Senators are suggesting that Mr. Harding who from the start has shown little desire to use his addresses to the Senate for partisan rebukes permitted himself to be drawn into unnecessary expression of disdain for the league of nations. One Senator suggested that Henry Cabot Lodge contributed liberally to the President's manuscript and that these portions are the authorship of Mr. Lodge who has not forgotten the league of nations fight.

Except for the reference to the league which stirred up the applause of the anti-leagues and provoked a resentful silence on the part of the Democrats, the speech was regarded by Senators generally as a splendid argument for ratification.

It was pointed out that President Harding uses language almost identical with that of President Wilson in submitting the Versailles treaty and covenant. Mr. Wilson declared that there was no compulsion "except the compulsion of our good conscience and judgment" in the league covenant and in the article which pledged a respect for territorial integrity. Mr. Harding declares there is "no commitment to armed force, no alliance, no written or moral obligation to join in defence, no expressed or implied commitment to arrive at any agreement" and he adds "except in accordance with our constitutional methods."

Mr. Wilson pointed out that the Council of the League "advises" what should be done to enforce respect for the covenant and said "if in the judgment of the people of the United States, the council adjudged wrong and this was not a case for the use of force, there would be no necessity on the part of the Congress of the United States to vote the use of force. But there could be no advice of the council on any subject without a unanimous vote and the unanimous vote includes our own, and if we accepted the advice we would be accepting our own advice."

Mr. Harding further supports a Wilson viewpoint on the idea of reciprocal engagements to respect territorial integrity. The President asks "Why should we not make reciprocal engagements to respect the territory of others and contract their respect of ours?" Another passage which was marked as inviting comparison with the Wilson utterances in favor of the league is this paragraph in Mr. Harding's address: "If nations may not safely agree to respect each other's rights and may not agree to confer if one to the compact threatens trespass, or may not agree to advise if one party to the pact is threatened by an outside power, then all concerted efforts to tranquilize the world and stabilize peace must be flung to the winds."

And here is what Mr. Wilson supported (Continued on Page Six.)

UNCLE JOE WILL RETIRE FROM ALL POLITICAL LIFE

ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY

Has Long Been a Figure in Public Life and Was for Eight Years Speaker of the House; It is Believed That He Realizes He Must Lead a Less Strenuous Life.

Washington, Feb. 13.—"Uncle Joe" Cannon, the oldest member of the House announced today that he would not be a candidate for re-election as a representative from the 18th Illinois district.

The former speaker announced his intention to retire from politics in an eleven word statement which read "I am not a candidate for election from the 18th district."

The Illinois Congressman was one of the most picturesque and widely known Congressmen. He will be 86 years old next May 7. He is serving his 23rd term as a member of the house during eight years of which he was speaker.

While Mr. Cannon in his statement gave no reason for his intention of retiring from public life his friends think he made the decision in belief his health and age made it necessary for him to lead a less strenuous life.

CIVIL TERM OF COURT

The civil term of the Wilson county Superior Court opened this morning with Judge Horton presiding. The following cases were disposed of today:

Ada Bridges was granted a divorce from her husband, Tom Bridges.

Arthur Taylor was given a divorce from his wife, Goldie Taylor.

Messrs. Diddy and Agnew were given a judgment of \$361.71 with interest against Messrs. C. L. Coon and C. C. Rackley, balance which the plaintiffs claimed was due for the building of his home. Mr. Coon claimed that he had a contract with Mr. C. C. Rackley to build his residence, and Mr. Rackley stated the contract was on a 10 per cent basis. It was alleged by plaintiffs that materials for the construction of the house were purchased from them and charged to Messrs. Coon and Rackley.

Mr. A. T. Winstead was given a judgment against Mr. J. Caney Brown for \$300 on the ground that his eye was injured when a Chero-Cola bottle burst and a piece of the glass struck him. At that time Mr. Brown was proprietor of the Wilson Chero-Cola plant.

OIL DEALINGS CAUSED FALL

Chicago, Feb. 13.—Raymond J. Bischoff, under detention in connection with an admittedly shortage of \$4,500,000 as a result of financial dealings with approximately 6,000 residents of the Chicago "back to the yards" district blamed a lucky deal with a friend's \$260 for the continued transactions which have involved him so heavily.

"A friend begged me to play the market with his money saying his creditors were pushing him," Bischoff is quoted as having said. "I consented, doubling his money in a week." He told all his friends and I was immediately besieged by all his friends."

Dabbling in oil led to his present state he was quoted as saying after visions of big deals arose when he found how easy it was to have others give him their money to invest. Bischoff's attorney maintains the 26-year old wizard of "Bubbly Creek" had violated no law in his dealings despite the shortage of millions. Bischoff gave his promissory notes for the money invested with him, the attorney said, adding a man cannot be imprisoned for non payment of promissory notes.

MILL OPERATIVES GET REDUCED PAY SOME ON STRIKE

NEW ENGLAND MILLS

Between 40,000 and 50,000 Have Gone on Strike; in New Hampshire the Strike is Almost General, Biggest Cotton Mill in the World Closed Because of Strike.

Boston, Feb. 13.—Half of the 200,000 cotton mill operatives of New England were on reduced wage scales today and nearly one quarter of them or between 40,000 and 50,000 were on strike in protest. As a result many plants were forced to shut down.

In New Hampshire where a wage cut and increase in hours was statewide the strikes were almost equally general. The big plant of the Amoskeag mills at Manchester, the largest cotton mill in the world and the Nashua and Jackson mills at Nashua were among the several that had to shut down. There as at other plants the strike orders were carried out by all but a few workers. Several thousand persons are employed in the mills of New Hampshire of whom only a few hundred remained at the looms and benches today.

Lowell, Mass., was the other principal center of the fresh strikes with the Hamilton mills closed in the face of a vote today to strike by many of its 16,000 workers. The Bay State cotton mills there were operated with somewhat reduced forces. The situation in Rhode Island was still developing today.

WEATHER OUTLOOK FOR THE WEEK.

February 13 to February 18, 1922. For South Atlantic and East Gulf States: Much cloudiness and occasional rains; normal temperature.

ACTRESS TELLS ALL HER STORY

Mary Miles Minter Declares She Did Not Understand How Anybody Could Kill Mr. Taylor.

Los Angeles, Feb. 13.—Mary Miles Minter, motion picture actress, issued a statement here through her attorneys declaring she had told investigators "all that she knew" of the life of Wm. Desmond Taylor, motion picture actor slain mysteriously twelve days ago. She said she could not conceive how any person could kill Mr. Taylor.

The statement follows: "There is no personal nor financial sacrifice that I would not gladly make to bring the slayer of Mr. Taylor to justice.

"Mr. Taylor was one of my best friends. His death was a great shock to me. I met Mr. Taylor first in 1919 when he became my director. I was then 17 years of age and his inspiration, his unfailing courtesy and consideration not only to me but to all with whom he came in contact immediately won my highest admiration.

"From 1919 to the day of his death Mr. Taylor was to me the symbol of manliness, an inspiration, friend and guide and counselor—the symbol of all a girl admires in a man. "His friendship was uplifting and his advice and aid were invaluable. It would be nothing less than ingratitude if I did not now when he is dead raise my voice to proclaim his worth.

"I have told the authorities all I know both of his life here and in the east, that I fear has been of little aid to him. I cannot conceive the character of a person who would voluntarily wrong Mr. Taylor or cause his death."