

Today

Look After Your Blood.
A Farm Moratorium.
A Moving Mountain.
Why Not "Our Business?"
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One thousand one hundred twenty-two new cases of influenza in one day, in New York city. Health officers warn you against an epidemic of deadly pneumonia. Regular SLEEP, regular, moderate EATING, regular, moderate EXERCISE, are the best preventives. The only sure protection your body can have is blood in good condition. Other things may help; they can't prevent or cure.

The Secretary of Agriculture says the farmers should have time extensions on mortgages. Why not do something worth while? The entire nation depends on farmers and is enriched by farmers. If mortgages are crowding the farmer, why not declare a moratorium as to farm mortgage PRINCIPAL? Let the farmer pay the interest, cut it down to a fair rate, deduct from principal any sums out of which he may have been swindled in the way of unfair preliminary commissions, lawyers' fees, etc. And let the principal wait for ten years. "Class legislation," do you say? Well, it was class legislation when the farmer was compelled to sell for \$2.35 wheat for which he could have got \$5.

In France a great mountain is moving its masses of rock toward a small village, and government has compelled the peasants to move. The thing is now explained scientifically. Once they would have said that somebody with very high-grade faith was praying, and a miracle would have been proclaimed on the text: "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed ye shall say unto this mountain remove hence," etc.

Iceland, interesting country, where they drink too much if they drink at all, intends to go dry. That would stop all importation of Spanish wine. Spain will retaliate with prohibitory tariffs. Senator Jones, a Viking of prohibition, wants our Senate to rebuke Spain for interfering with Iceland's moral prohibition program.

And Senator King of Utah wants this Government to interfere with Kemal Paasha, now using weapons got from the French to murder Armenians, Greeks, and other Christians. Good moral suggestions from King and Jones. But how would it be, just for a change, to mind our OWN business?

William Hohenzollern—once kaiser—is studying the news carefully today. With a strike tying up all railroads, Germany is going through another test of her ability to live under republican government and the results of the Hohenzollern defeat. The kaiser probably thinks they need him to shoot the striking railroad men. Many Germans probably think it also. That's the queer part of human nature.

The most mysterious thing in the world, with the exception of woman's character and man's deception, is MONEY.

When money is dirt cheap, as in Germany and Austria, those countries are miserable and are pitted.

When you find money near par, as it is now in England, business men complain. They must pay their workmen dearly in good, expensive money of their own country and sell what they make in other countries for cheap money.

If you pay labor with dear money, and sell goods for cheap money, your export trade goes to smash. England lives on her foreign business.

That's the trouble with this country. Our dollar is worth three dollars of French money, fifty dollars of German money. Therefore, some of our factories are closed, others on part time. We have ten times our share of the world's gold, and have lost billions of the world's business, and the joke is on us.

Flying men in France will be guided by giant lights clearly seen from the sky, reaching out for a hundred miles. The lights will tell fliers where they may safely land and warn them of danger spots. It is a new kind of lighthouse for the new sailor of the air, another step in human progress.

Already you may fly from London to Paris, constantly in sight of directing air-lighthouses.

WEATHER

Weather—Fair today and tomorrow; not much change in temperature; moderate westerly winds.

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NET CLOSING AROUND 'MOVIE' SLAYER

Flaw Caused Theater Crash, Says Crandall

WORLD FAITH PLEDGED CHINA

JAPANESE HOMELAND LEFT OUT OF TREATY

Removal is Effected by Conference in Supplement to Four-Power Pact.

The arms conference adjourned this afternoon until Monday.

By J. BART CAMPBELL.

In order to meet the objections raised by the United States Senate, the armament conference today adopted a supplement to the four-power Pacific treaty, which definitely removes the Japanese homeland from the provisions of that pact.

The supplementary treaty was presented to the conference by Senator Lodge, majority leader of the Senate, who presented the original pact some weeks ago.

By GEORGE R. HOLMES.

INTERNATIONAL MEMORIAL HALL, Feb. 4.—

The great powers of the world today pledged themselves to deal fairly with China.

The pledge was contained in a nine-powered treaty presented to the sixth plenary session of the arms conference by Secretary of State Hughes and adopted within five minutes after the session got under way this morning.

TO HELP REVENUES.

The nine powers also gave their formal approval to a treaty designed to increase the customs revenues of China to a point which will permit her to get back on a sound financial footing.

Along with the adoption of the two treaties, the conference formally agreed to the setting up in China of an international board of reference to which disputed points between the powers can be referred.

Following the adoption of the two Chinese treaties, the conference adjourned until Monday.

VICTOR IN LOVE SUIT AGAINST DAD-IN-LAW

Young Chicago wife who won a verdict against her father-in-law, Ferdinand L. Capps, wealthy attorney, of \$3,500, charging him with alienating her husband's affections. She says he threatens to disinherit her husband, Donald Capps, unless he leaves her.

LAST MINUTE NEWS

NEW ORLEANS HAS \$50,000 FIRE.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 4.—Fire which originated in the fourth floor of the New Orleans Railway and Light Company in the heart of the city today threatened an entire block and was checked only after a three-hour battle. The damage is estimated at \$50,000.

BALTIMORE FIGHTS HIGH FIRE.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 4.—Fire late today started on the eighteenth floor of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company's building, at Baltimore and Charles streets. Two alarms have been sounded and thousands of spectators from the streets below are watching the work of the firemen. The blaze is at the greatest height that the Baltimore fire department has ever been called upon to battle with.

| NEW ORLEANS RESULTS | | | HAVANA RESULTS | | |
|--|-------|---------|---|---------|---------|
| FIRST RACE. | | | FIRST RACE. | | |
| Duster | 2-5 | 1-6 | Pokey B. | 4-1 | 8-5 4-5 |
| Prince R. | 3-5 | 1-4 | White Crown | 8-5 | 4-5 |
| Peter Brown | 1-3 | 1-3 | Bygone | | 3-1 |
| ALSO RAN—Daniel, Miss Lady, Prince of Umbria, and Leslie. "Coupled." | | | ALSO RAN—Primitive, Retreat, Signal Corps, J. Alexander Clark, Leon Rack, Invincible. | | |
| SECOND RACE. | | | SECOND RACE. | | |
| Mario Maxim | 5-2 | 1-1 1-2 | Sun Rose | 5-1 | 3-2 3-5 |
| Jago | 8-5 | 4-5 | Frascuelo | | 6-5 1-2 |
| Lady Longfellow | | 3-1 | Good Hope | | 1-10 |
| ALSO RAN—Hoonce, Little Fatay, Baby Evelyn, Cacambo, and Ticklish. | | | ALSO RAN—Midiana, Hoenir and Norfolk Belle. | | |
| THIRD RACE. | | | THIRD RACE. | | |
| Omnipotent | 3-2 | 2-5 1-6 | Haran | 3-1 6-5 | 2-5 |
| Knot Grass | 7-10 | 1-4 | Beretta | | 4-1 2-1 |
| Billy Dun | | 3-1 | Winor-Quit | | 3-5 |
| ALSO RAN—Blossom, House, Sweep, Devante. | | | ALSO RAN—Mr. Jiggs, Humpy, Moskit, Hatrack, Johnny O'Connell, Peaceful Star. | | |

MINISTERS INQUEST IS TO BATTLE CLOSED BY 'TINY.RENO' NEW CLUE

Ack to Be Heard on Divorce Ring Bill in Va. Legislature Thursday.

By International News Service.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 4.—An early solution of the mysterious murder of William D. Taylor, famous motion picture director, shot down in his fashionable bungalow home here Wednesday while he sat at a desk with a checkbook before him, was promised today.

Captain of Detectives David L. Adams, announced to the International News Service:

"The meshes of the net spread by the police department are slowly closing on a man whom we strongly suspect of having been responsible for Taylor's murder. I expect an arrest will be made within twenty-four hours which will go a long way toward clearing up the case.

"The probable motive of this individual, so far as my investigators have been able to determine, was solely that of revenge. Whether the activities of the man were guided by a woman or women will have to be determined later."

Servant Collapses.

Henry Peavey, negro servant of Taylor, collapsed when taken into the morgue room to view the body just before the inquest started. He was revived, and the witness stand and there became hysterical, laughing loudly when asked what he did upon finding the dead body of his employer.

Coroner Nance suddenly halted the inquest after calling but one of the many motion picture celebrities summoned, Mabel Normand and several officials.

The jury then retired and returned a verdict that Taylor was killed by a gunshot wound inflicted by a person or persons unknown to this jury with intent to kill or murder.

Captain of Detectives Adams reached the scene just as the last witness was excused. He rushed in, summoned Detectives Herman Cline, Edward King, and other officers present. The police sped away from the scene in a powerful automobile.

Vigorous efforts were made by detectives to gather more data regarding Taylor's relations with two film actresses, whose names were mentioned often by investigators in connection with the case. One of the actresses is a woman of national reputation as screen player, Tiffany, who was chauffeur for Taylor until recently, was said to have told police that he was dismissed shortly after he told Taylor that he believed he would keep a record of the trips on which he took his employer.

Tiffany was reported to have said that the relations between Taylor and Mary Miles Minter cooled after a time and that on a number of occasions Sands told her when she called that Taylor was not at home, although in fact Taylor was. Tiffany was reported to have said:

Taylor devoted much time to Mabel Normand, Tiffany said. When Tiffany left Taylor's employ Mabel Normand held a high place in Taylor's estimation, the former chauffeur said.

Prominent celebrities of the screen world were assembled this morning for the coroner's inquest. Among these was Mabel Normand, who was at the director's home a short time before the murder was committed; Mary Miles Minter, a friend of Taylor, who was one of the first of the film colony to reach the scene of the crime.

FIERCE BLOW ON GULF HITS ITALIAN BARK

PENSACOLA, Fla., Feb. 4.—First word of a fierce hurricane in the Gulf of Mexico was brought here by the Italian bark Escamela, which was forced to put back here for repairs, arriving today. She sailed January 24 for Genoa.

The bark was caught in the hurricane off Dry Tortugas, Captain Fortunato said. One of her sides was stove in, her sails torn to shreds and part of her deck lost torn away. Captain Fortunato declared the storm the worst he ever experienced. Members of the crew, he said, were forced to resort to extreme expedients to save themselves from injury as timbers rolled and tossed about the deck.

1,297 STRICKEN WITH FLU IN N. Y. IN ONE DAY

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—The influenza scourge in this city today reached the highest point since the epidemic of four years ago, when 1,297 cases were reported for the twenty-four hours ending this noon as against 1,122 yesterday. Pneumonia was also on the increase, with 222 cases compared with 205 yesterday.

There were seventy-two deaths from pneumonia and fifteen from influenza during the twenty-four hour period.

Text of Chinese Treaty

Following is text of the nine-powered treaty affecting China.

"The United States of America, Belgium, the British Empire, China, France, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, and Portugal:

"Desiring to adopt a policy designed to stabilize conditions in the Far East, to safeguard the rights and interests of China, and to promote intercourse between China and the other powers upon the basis of equality of opportunity;

"Have resolved to conclude a treaty for that purpose, and to that end have appointed as their respective plenipotentiaries:

ARTICLE I.

"The contracting parties, other than China, agree:

"1.—To respect the sovereignty, the independence, and the territorial and administrative integrity of China;

"2.—To provide the fullest and most unembarrassed opportunity to China to develop and maintain for herself an effective and stable government;

"3.—To use their influence for the purpose of effectually establishing and maintaining the principle of equal opportunity for the commerce and industry of all nations throughout the territory of China;

"4.—To refrain from taking advantage of conditions in China in order to seek special rights or privileges which would abridge the rights of subjects or citizens of friendly states, and from countenancing action inimical to the security of such states.

ARTICLE II.

"The contracting powers agree not to enter into any treaty, agreement, arrangement, or understanding with one another or, individually or collectively, with any power or powers, which would infringe or impair the principles stated in Article I.

ARTICLE III.

"With a view to applying more effectually the principles of the open door or equality of opportunity in China for the trade and industry of all nations, the contracting powers, other than China, agree that they will not seek, nor support their respective nationals in seeking:

(A) "Any arrangements which might purport to establish in favor of their interests any general superiority of rights with respect to commercial or economic development in any designated region of China.

(B) Any such monopoly or preference as would deprive the nationals of any other power of the right of undertaking any legitimate trade or industry in China, or of participating with the Chinese government, or with any local authority, in any category of public enterprise, or which by reason of its scope, duration or geographical extent is calculated to frustrate the practical application of the principle of equal opportunity.

"It is understood that the foregoing stipulations of this article are not to be construed as to prohibit the acquisition of such properties or rights as may be necessary to the conduct of a particular commercial, industrial or financial undertaking or to the encouragement of invention and research.

"China undertakes to be guided by the principles stated in the foregoing stipulations of this article in dealing with applications for economic rights and privileges from governments and nationals of any foreign countries, whether parties to the present treaty or not.

ARTICLE IV.

"The contracting powers agree not to support any agreements by their respective nationals with each other designed to create spheres of influence or to provide for the enjoyment of mutually exclusive opportunities in designated parts of Chinese territory.

ARTICLE V.

"China agrees that, throughout

DISCARDS THEORY OF BREAK DUE TO SNOW

Believes Many Stories of Hearing Unusual Sounds Due to Imagination.

"It is my opinion that the collapse of the theater was due to some defect in the steel or iron work supporting the roof," declared Harry M. Crandall, owner of the Knickerbocker Theater today.

"Just what was defective I am unable to tell. Many experts and engineers who have examined the ruins of the theater have advanced many theories, but as far as I know they have not reached any definite opinion as to the cause of the collapse of the roof.

Disbelieves Snow Theory.

"I want the cause found out. I do not believe the weight of the snow on the roof was responsible.

"I want to say further that those persons who have reported what they found to the police or to some authority, even if they did not report it to us. They should be prosecuted for failure to let us know of any such conditions so that we could remedy them. But I believe most of those stories are the result of imagination due to the excitement caused by the terrible disaster."

Workmen who helped construct the roof of the theater are today being served with summonses to appear before the coroner's jury on Tuesday, when investigation of the cause and responsibility for the disaster will be taken up.

Working under instructions of Dr. J. Ramsey McVitt, District coroner, Detective Sergeants Pratt and Mullin have been given the names of workmen, and those who are still in the city are to be required to give any information they may have of the materials and workmanship placed on the roof.

Included in the list of employees of the contractors are those who mixed the concrete and the structural iron and steel workers who were on the job.

Coroner Nevitt intends to make his investigation a thorough one, presenting to his jury all the evidence he can possibly gather by Tuesday when the inquest will be held in the District Building.

The District Commissioners this morning sent a letter to Senator Capper, stating that they were thoroughly probing the cause of the disaster and endeavoring to learn if anyone was criminally responsible for possible faulty construction. The commissioners also stated that they were investigating the "integrity" of the building inspector's office.

Jurors Summoned.

The jurors summoned by Dr. Nevitt to hear the evidence at the inquest over the Knickerbocker Theater disaster are: William W. Riley, lumber merchant; C. J. Gilbert, of the Hugh Riley Paint Company; M. W. Kelly, of the Washington Gas Light Company; M. A. Winter, Dr. Wagner, 1118 H street; Richard G. Fletcher, of the Fletcher Fireproofing Company; J. L. McDonald, contractor for iron

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