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## CHINA MAY GET PARLIAMENTARY RULE

### EIGHTH ANNUAL BANQUET GIVEN LINCOLN CLUB

LARGE NUMBER OF ASHLAND PEOPLE ATTEND AND ARE OF UNANIMOUS OPINION THAT BANQUET WAS BEST EVER.

Principal Address of Evening Given By Professor Clark F. Bisset, Who Dwelt on Subject of "Lincoln as a Present Day Power."

The annual banquet of the Lincoln club of the Rogue River valley, held at the Hotel Medford last Sunday night was, in the opinion of those who attended, the best banquet ever held in the history of the Lincoln club, says the Mail-Tribune.

The main feature was the wonderfully impressive and scholarly address of Professor Clark F. Bisset, a member of the law faculty at the University of Washington, and a national authority on the life of Lincoln through his forty years study of the subject.

The title of his address was, "Lincoln as a present day power," and his eloquent remarks furnished much room for thought, especially his remarks on the struggle between capital and labor in the United States for supremacy, which he characterized as another pending division of the citizenry of the country like in the early sixties, which brought on the civil war.

While the banquet was a republican affair, many democrats were in attendance, and the program was confined purely to extolling the life and great deeds of Abraham Lincoln. In fact, the great spirit of Lincoln hovered over the banquet, said Prof. Irving E. Vining who presided as toastmaster with his well-known ability and eloquence and who uttered praise for President Harding and Secretary Hughes for bringing about a world peace pact and disarmament program, over which he also declared the spirit of Lincoln must have hovered.

One of the striking features of the program was the reading of Lincoln's Gettysburg address by Judge William M. Colvig, a veteran of the civil war, who gave the reading from memory in a very impressive manner. The reading was prefaced by a brief discussion of the circumstances under which Lincoln came to make the address, and a description of the battle of Gettysburg.

Another was the reciting of original selections by Dick Posey, who is one of the fixtures of the Lincoln day banquets, and who delivered two selections with his well-known ability and ease.

Sam A. Kozar, secretary of state, was the only state official present. He spoke briefly about the good influences the life of Lincoln had on present day affairs, and expressed his pleasure at being present at a banquet in commemoration of such a great man.

The only woman speaker of the evening was Miss Sussane Holmes, superintendent of schools of Jackson county, who spoke of her ever high reverence for Lincoln. She said her ancestors lived in the same town and were well acquainted with the Lincoln family.

A number of greetings were received both by telegraph and letter and were read at the banquet. Among them were messages from Governor Oloott, Senators McNary and Stanfield, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Theodore Roosevelt Jr., R. A. Booth of the state highway commission, Judge Henry McGinn, and Wallace McCamant of Portland, Fred Williams of the state public service commission, William G. Steel of Eugene, a charter member of the club, and Colonel R. C. Washburn, now of Portland, but who was a conspicuous figure at the Lincoln day banquets in previous years.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Frank P. Farrell of Medford; first

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### Navy Saving Will Pay Soldiers Bonus

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—The "naval holiday" decreed by the armament conference may offer congress a short and easy way out of the soldier bonus muddle, republican leaders indicated today.

They suggested that the big saving expected in the navy appropriations as a result of the limitation of naval armament fixed by the conference could be readily diverted for paying the bonus.

Slicing of at least \$200,000,000 from the naval budget is being urged by the republican members of the house naval affairs committee with a reduction of the personnel from 7000 officers and 105,000 men to 2400 officers and 60,000 men.

Paring to the bone of not only the army and navy, but of appropriations all along the line is planned by the republican leaders.

### LLOYD GEORGE SEES PLOT IN IRISH THREATS

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Threats of revolution and civil war in Ireland is being used by political enemies of Lloyd George in an effort to overthrow the coalition government.

The British government is co-operating with the Irish provisional government at Dublin to restore tranquility along the Ulster border and prevent future outbreaks.

For the first time it was admitted in Downing street circles that the Free State bill, conferring the powers of the Anglo-Irish treaty upon the Dublin government, may not pass the house of commons. If the commons reject the bill the premier will resign immediately. It is expected that if the bill passes by only a small majority that the premier will call a general election.

### Former Pride of Navy Is Retired

(International News Service) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—The United States navy has retired for a well-earned rest a battleship which for future historians will be associated always with the city of Vera Cruz, Mexico. The battleship is the Michigan, which yesterday, went out of commission after 12 years service.

The battleship was, up to a comparatively few years ago, the pride of the navy. Authorized in 1906 she was launched in 1908, her sponsor being Mrs. Frank W. Brooks, then Miss Carol Newberry, daughter of Senator Truman H. Newberry, then secretary of the navy. The big ship was commissioned two years later, under Captain Nathan R. Usher, and assigned to the Atlantic fleet.

Her first active duty of any consequence was her assignment, in 1912, to the duty of protecting American interests during the Cuban rebellion of that year. In November of the following year the Michigan went on the mission for which she will always be remembered, the occupation of Vera Cruz. During 1913 the Michigan was off Vera Cruz protecting American interests. It was not until April of 1914 that a battalion was sent ashore from the Michigan and which initiated the occupation by American forces of the Mexican city.

During the world war the Michigan patrolled the east coast of the United States. She will best be remembered by thousands of returning A. E. F. veterans who were brought back from France on her.

She is the second ship of her name, the first now being known as the Wolverine, built shortly after 1841. The present Michigan is 452 feet long over all, displacing 16,000 tons and carrying a main battery of eight 12-inch guns.

### Parallel Seen in Slaying of Taylor and Elwell, Who Lived in Similar Way



Mabel Normand

Noted Writer Finds Both Men Had Women Admirers—Assassin's Fury Tempted By MARGERY REX I. N. S. Staff Correspondent.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—It is easy for the enemy of a man who lives secretly to murder him unseen. In mysterious manner two men who ate the secret bread of pleasure and drank sweet stolen waters have died by the fury of assassins still unknown.

The career of William Desmond Taylor, slain movie director, in life and death paralleled that of "Jim" Elwell, so strangely shot down in his New York home two years ago.

Each lived alone, and alone each was attacked. From both Taylor and Elwell, in their last moments, someone fled.

Men who shun daylight are apt to make themselves tempting targets for marksmen in the dark.

Taylor's leave-taking of life was just as mysterious as his inexplicable departure in 1908 from his wife and child and just as unaccountable as his later change of name, for the dead man was known originally as William Cunningham Deane-Tanner.

Who Was Slayer? Who could have arranged Taylor's clandestine rendezvous with death? Suspicion goes over the list of possibilities. There is, for instance, Edward F. Sands, the dead man's

valet, who robbed his master and whom, one of the feminine stars says, Taylor vowed to kill at sight. And there are the men who are interested in the women Taylor knew.

Will one of the brilliant stars of that glamorous world, whose little sons are "Cooper-Mewlitts, shoot down to earth and be obliterated in the tragedy?

Like his prototype Elwell, Taylor was accorded by the opposite sex, but cared for none constantly. In fact, it is said he was indifferent to love, interesting, travelled, well-read, a brilliant talker and a discreet confidant, Taylor held the friendship of many women. Whether or not his relations with them were sentimental cannot be determined at this time.

But why did he disappear in 1908 from a beautiful wife and daughter, from a host of friends and a gay social circle?

Rover by Nature Rover by nature, William Deane-Tanner came to New York from Dublin in the late nineties. Movies were unheard of then, and the young Irish man did not dream of the magic lantern which would create a life of splendor for him and for thousands of others.

He was interested in antiques and objects of art. He entered into that business near Thirtieth street and Fifth avenue at a period when this

neighborhood held many small shops with fascinating wares, when the Holland House was flourishing, and fine old homes and old-fashioned apartment houses had not been superseded by business.

"Floradora" was then in its first fling. Among the pretty girls of that first cast was Ethel May Harrison. They met and married in 1901.

Clubs, racetrack, theaters and gay parties drew this restless individual, who, because of his addiction to a life of pleasure, did not cause serious worry to his family when he disappeared in 1908 for what his friends thought would be a short time.

Waved Good-by to Wife At the Vanderbilt Cup race that year Taylor waved good-by to his wife, later sent to their apartment in the Colonial hotel for his clothes, but remained unheard from until the movies began to flash faces around the world. In this way his friends knew that Taylor was Tanner and not dead by any means.

His wife meantime had divorced him and married Edward Robins, restaurateur, now proprietor of Delmonico's. Tanner, become Taylor, tired of his old life, found new outlet for his whims and roving disposition in the adventures that he directed for the films.

Taylor's associates were men and

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### Atty. Woolwine Works Secretly

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15.—Fresh indications that the district attorney is working "under cover" in his efforts to solve the Taylor murder mystery, developed when Woolwine admitted that a dozen witnesses, many of them with important information, are being examined secretly by his investigators.

Woolwine stated that due to the publicity attendant upon the appearance of these witnesses at the district attorney's office, they refused to make statements unless questioned at their homes or elsewhere. As a result, Woolwine's investigators are scattered over the city day and night, interviewing witnesses whose names are known only to them and the district attorney.

### SANDS HIRED MEN TO KILL TAYLOR, CAPTAIN CARSON

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15.—Charles Carson, a retired sea captain, told the San Francisco authorities that Sands hired two gunmen to kill William D. Taylor, according to reports from that city late yesterday.

"One of the men," says Carson, "was a friend of mine. I knew him as a gunman. His friend I also know to be a gunman, although I do not know his name."

Carson gave the name of the first man to the police.

Carson said that he met the men at Lathrop, Calif., while "boating" his way from Stockton to Tracy last October. They were cooking dinner in the "jungles." One of the men said they were waiting for Sands who had hired them to get even with a moving picture man by the name of Taylor.

Police place considerable credence in Carson's story because they understand Sands spent several months in Sacramento and the San Joaquin valley after his discharge by the film director.

As a result orders were issued to comb the water front in an effort to locate the two gunmen.

JACKSON, Miss., Feb. 15.—A resolution calling for an investigation of the charges made by Miss Frances Birkhead that she was betrayed by Governor Russell, was introduced in the lower house of the state legislature today. Miss Birkhead's suit against the governor is now pending in the federal court.

### AIM IS TO UNIFY AND MODERNIZE CHINA SAYS CHEN

BIG POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS EXPECTED IN CHINA IN COMING MONTHS, FIRST IN MIDDLE YANG-TSZE, THEN IN NORTH.

China Must Be Modernized If She Is to Survive as an Independent State, Says Dr. Chen, Private Foreign Secretary of President.

By EDNA LEE BOOKER I. N. S. Staff Correspondent.

SHANGHAI, China, Feb. 15.—Dr. Eugene Chen, private foreign secretary to Dr. Sun Yat-Sen, president of South China, a noted editor and writer, told the International News Service today that big political developments are expected in China in the coming months, first in the Middle Yangtze and later in the North. Dr. Chen is one of the first Chinese authorities to give a clear picture of this transient period in the history of kaleidoscopic China.

"We have gone to Canton in order to unify China," said Dr. Chen, "not to divide her. As an unsettled state China has survived the struggles and wounds of history. She can continue to survive only by remaining whole. This truth lies deep in the historic consciousness of the nation."

"China is facing a great problem. We are in the midst of changes and perplexing difficulties. This comes from the inclusion of China within the politico-economic system of Greater Europe, with its industrial ruthlessness and material efficiency and worship of force. These are not fine things. We must needs adapt ourselves to that system, taking care so far as we are able to hold fast to the great truths and memories which have nourished the nation's mind through a vast period of continuous national life."

"Foreign Experience Teaches" "Foreign experience teaches that the method of adaptation which has succeeded best is the regime in which rulers are answerable to the governed—to the people—through parliament."

"The method is not perfect, but," continued Dr. Chen, "it is the least objectionable of all the ways of running a modern state which the wit of civilized men has yet devised."

"The real alternative is despotism. The Bourbon mind insists on the rule of a strong man—a benevolent despot. We have had ten years of such rule. Today China is well-nigh wrecked. It is time that China tried a more civilized way."

"What does the South stand for? We stand for this civilized way of government—parliamentary government—for and in China, as against the Peking makeshift of non-parliamentary rule. This is at once the meaning and cause of the political division of China."

"Change Without Bloodshed" "I emphasize: A parliamentary system, with its apparatus of general election, enables the governed—generally speaking—to effect a change of government without bloodshed. That is, broadly, the meaning of the presidential election in the United States. Non-parliamentary rule compels the government to resort to the ancient right of rebellion and civil war when a change of government becomes a political necessity. This is the essential explanation of the disarray in the public life of China during these recent years."

"Preparation" "As a reactionary mind is not amenable to reason, it must be reached by the objective method of force. That is why we have gone to Canton—there to prepare the means that shall make a reality of the Chinese republic and bottom government in this country on the rock of popular consent."

"We Might Settle Down" "If we had gone to Canton in the interests of secession, a policy of sacred egoism which would have

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### R'member

WHEN YOU WERE A KID, HOW YOU ENJOYED SNOWBALLING, AND— NOW OH, PETER !!



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### Haz Kik



I was constituted with lots of faith. I think if I was religious, I would be very much so, because faith is the foundation of our religion. I am glad that I am so constituted. What we will to do we can do, even to the working of miracles. The word "can't" has no place in my lexicon, and should I think, be rid from the vocabulary of man. When we start with a "can't" we are defeated before we start. Therefore, neither men nor communities should start any undertaking with a doubt as to their ability to do it. We CAN do it and we WILL, Ashland, Ashland, Ashland.

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