

# CISCO DAILY NEWS

EASTLAND CO.—Area 825 square miles; population 33,981; cotton, fruit, poultry, dairying, natural gas and oil; Cisco is headquarters for operators of the great shallow oil field; churches of all denominations.

CISCO, TEXAS—1,614 feet above the sea; 5 lakes of water; 5 rail exits; 6 paved highway exits; 127 blocks of brick streets; good hotels; 4-1 public schools and Randolph College; no mosquitoes; no malaria or typhoid.

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## JAPS SHOOT DOWN AMERICAN FLIER

### Former Governor Neff Elected President of Baylor

#### ELECTION IS TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT

WACO, Feb. 23.—Former Governor Pat Neff today was elected president of Baylor university to succeed his college roommate, the late Dr. S. P. Brooks. Dean W. S. Allen has been acting president of the school since the death of Dr. Brooks last year.

#### DECLINE SHOWN IN DEATH AND BIRTH RATES

GENEVA, Feb. 23.—Since the beginning of the 20th century the world has been following two general tendencies as regards natural increase in population. These consist of a double movement in the decline of the birth rate and also of the death rate.

#### FINAL PLANS FOR LIVESTOCK SHOW MADE

Plans for the Eastland County Livestock show, to be held here Friday and Saturday, were rounded into final shape at a meeting of the committee in charge of the show yesterday afternoon at the office of E. H. Varnell in the chamber of commerce.

#### Mexico City Welcomes Bakers



Despite criticism by Mexican college students on the grounds that Newton D. Baker was secretary of war when the Pershing expedition went into that country after Villa, Mr. and Mrs. Baker received a public

#### CISCO MASONS PAY HOMAGE TO WASHINGTON AT BANQUET

Patriotic oratory mingled with song last night as 200 or more of the Masonic fraternity and their guests gathered at a banquet to add their meed of homage to the memory of Washington. The banquet spread in the telephone building formerly occupied by the M System store, was served by the members of the Eastern Star chapter.

Three addresses featured the evening's tribute to the character of the "Father of His Country." The first of these was delivered by the Rev. E. S. James, pastor of the First Baptist church, upon the subject "Washington, the Mason."

#### OIL CONCERNS MUST ANSWER ALLRED SUIT

AUSTIN, Feb. 23.—Four giant oil organizations, three of which are Standard Oil concerns not officially operating in Texas, must answer Attorney General Allred's suit charging them with violation of the Texas anti-trust law, Judge J. D. Moore, in 96th district court here, this morning gave them until 2 p. m. to file answers.

#### COMM'N SETS NEXT YEAR'S PAY AS WAS

In a meeting enlivened by the interjection of a motion by Commissioner Donovan, seconded by Commissioner Fee, to the effect that all commissioners serve without pay during the next fiscal year, the city commission yesterday afternoon overcame that proposition three to two and concluded a spirited interchange of opinions by passing a previous motion that salaries of mayor and commissioners for the next year be reset at their present figures.

Records of expenses of administration of the municipal government during the past 18 months show that during the nine-months period from May 1, 1931, to January 30, 1932, a saving of \$32,000 in current expenses was effected over that period as compared with current expenses for the nine-month period immediately preceding, Mayor J. T. Berry said this morning.

Commissioner Donovan immediately moved that the motion be amended to read that all commissioners serve without pay next year and his motion was seconded by Commissioner Fee. Supporting his motion to amend Commissioner Donovan pointed to the character of the times, asserting that the commissioners should be willing as a patriotic step, to give their time without cost to the city as one means of helping to tide over the strained financial period.

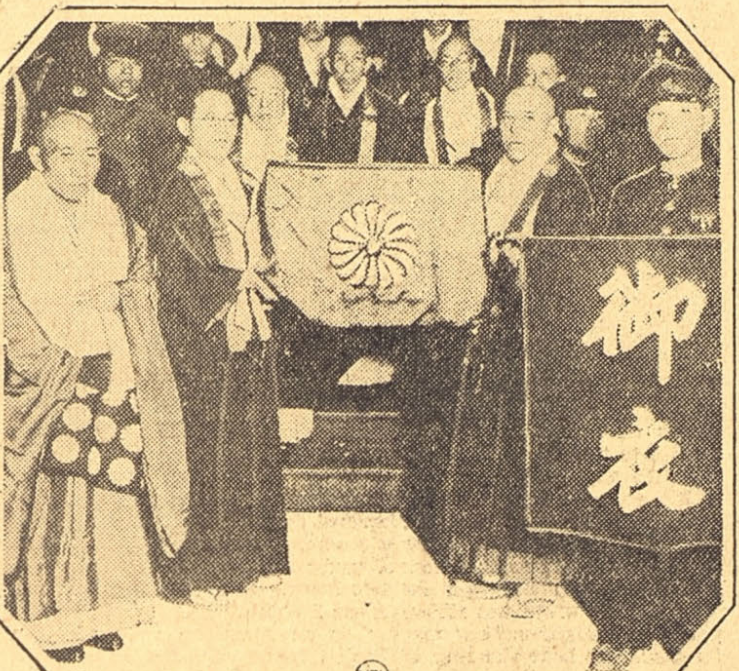
Commissioner Burnett declared he would be willing to devote his time without charge if the mayor, the other commissioners and the employees of the city would do likewise, but declared he did not feel that it was just to ask the commissioners to serve without remuneration when other employees and officials of the municipal government receive pay for their services.

The commission, on motion of Commissioner Donovan, seconded by Commissioner Clements, set April 5, 1932, as the date for the election of three commissioners to fill as many vacancies occurring. Commissioners whose terms expire this year are Mr. Burnett, Mr. Donovan and Mr. Fee. Mr. Donovan is an appointee of the present commission to fill the vacancy in the body occurring last year with the elevation of Mr. Berry from a commissioner post to the office of mayor.

On motion by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mr. Fee, the time for payment of 1931 city taxes without penalty and interest was extended to July 1, 1932, all commissioners concurring.

The ordinance providing for the removal of burned structures within the city limits was adopted on second and final reading. The ordinance requires that structures damaged by fire to an extent making impracticable rebuilding of these structures from the resultant ruins be cleared from their lots within 90 days of the fire and provides penalties for failure to observe the provisions of the ordinance. The city fire marshal is constituted the enforcing officer under the terms of the ordinance.

#### Jap Emperor's Robes Purified



It's an old Japanese custom for Shinto priests at Ehjeji temple, Kyoto, to purify the emperor's clothes during elaborate ceremonies every year. Above are shown the spiritual laundrymen bringing Emperor Hirohito's garments back to Tokio after purification, so that he will be prosperous during 1932.

#### JAPANESE, UNABLE TO GAIN, HALT FOR RE-ENFORCEMENTS

SHANGHAI, Feb. 23.—Japanese re-enforcements into the lines before Tazang today when waves of infantry backed up by heavy artillery bombardment failed to drive a wedge through the unyielding Chinese lines.

The Japanese high command pending arrival of re-enforcements, suspended the Japanese offensive on the entire line from Shanghai to the Woosung forts.

#### HIT ITALIAN WARSHIP

SHANGHAI, Feb. 23.—Four shells, believed fired by Chinese guns, struck the Italian battleship Libia last night, it was revealed today.

#### RAIN HINDERS EFFORTS TO TRAP WOLVES

Two wolves have been added to the captures of State Trapper F. B. Mathews during the past five days. The first, a large male, was taken out of the trap last Saturday near the Tom Page ranch, 10 miles north of Cisco. Mr. Page retrieved the trapped animal for Mr. Mathews.

The second, a large female, was taken northwest of Cedar Mountain. The wolf was removed from the trap by Mr. Mathews, who arrived on the scene only a short while before it would have liberated itself by pulling off a toe. Indications were the wolf had been in the trap for several days, Mr. Mathews said.

#### Masked Bandit Robs Treasurer of \$2,500

HOUSTON, Feb. 23.—An armed masked bandit early today robbed Earl Wilson, secretary-treasurer of a furnishing company, of \$2,500 in cash as he worked over his books in the downtown district.

#### CHARGES WILL BE STUDIED BY TECH BOARD

LUBBOCK, Feb. 23.—Directors of Texas Tech will meet here tomorrow to consider, in addition to routine business, the charges of the Rev. R. C. Campbell, local Baptist minister, that atheism and infidelity have been taught in the school.

#### Students to Present One-Act Play

"The Valiant" by Halworthy Hall is the name of the one act play which will be presented by Cisco high school students in the Inter-scholastic League tournament which will be held in Ranger in March.

#### New Church Style Urged by Pastor

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 23.—A remedy for "dull church services" was suggested today by the Rev. B. J. Jenkins, who declared that styles in preaching "like styles in anything else" must change with the times.

#### MAN SHOT AS OFFICERS HALT PARTY OF FIVE

DALLAS, Feb. 23.—One man was shot and probably fatally wounded today when a party of five was stopped by police officers in a house in north Dallas.

#### INJUNCTION AGAINST TROOPS IS ASKED

HOUSTON, Feb. 23.—A request that Governor Sterling, General Wolters and Adj.-Gen. Sterling be enjoined temporarily from interfering with oil production on the east Texas properties of E. Constantin and J. D. Wather was argued today in a conference with Federal Circuit Judge Joseph C. Hutchinson, Jr., by plaintiff attorneys.

#### VICTORIOUS PILOT DIES FROM WOUND

SHANGHAI, Feb. 23.—The pilot of an airplane shot down yesterday by Japanese was identified as Robert Short, an American whose home was at Acoma, Wash.

Short perished in a flaming plane. He was attached to a Chinese aviation squadron. It was learned that there also were two other Americans in the squadron to which Short belonged.

The engagement in which the American was shot down occurred over Soochow.

Short had engaged Japanese pursuit planes in an aerial battle lasting two and a half minutes. The aerial battle was one of the most spectacular of the Shanghai campaign. It was the first in which a single aviator had been pitted against superior odds.

Three Japanese scouting planes were dropping over Soochow where a Chinese airbase is located when the Chinese plane took the air to meet them.

While residents of the French concession and the International Settlement watched the Japanese dive, their machine guns roaring, Short's plane was shot down from 2,000 feet. It crashed in a mass of flames.

The Japanese returned to their Shanghai base. Pilot Fusumu Kotani, credited officially with the victory, was wounded and taken to the Japanese military hospital at Hongkew where he died today.

When Short's airplane, which the Chinese had purchased only a week ago, crashed, the Japanese, not knowing the pilot was an American, thought they had encountered the "bravest Chinese" and dipped their wings in salute while the flaming airplane was plunging to the ground.

#### TEXAS FLIER'S LONG DISTANCE HOP HALTED

BOSTON, Feb. 23.—The monoplane Lone Star, bound from Old Orchard, Me., to Buenos Aires, landed here at 11 o'clock.

Pilot Nate C. Browne smashed his landing gear in bringing the heavy craft to earth but neither he nor his flying mate, Edward Muldowney, was injured.

Motor trouble forced the landing on an attempted non-stop flight to Buenos Aires in an effort to set a new long distance record, is a product of war flying days. He served over seas with American aviation and has since engaged in commercial flying.

He was born in Homestead, Okla., in 1895, but his family moved to the Texas panhandle while he was still a boy. He lived at Miami, Tex., and attended Baylor university. His love for Texas caused him to name his plane the Lone Star. Browne's father now lives in Kansas City, Mo. Muldowney's home is at Scranton, Pa.

WEST TEXAS — Fair. Somewhat warmer in north and west portions tonight. Wednesday partly cloudy. East Texas — Partly cloudy to cloudy tonight and Wednesday.

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