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"403, May 21 WEEKLY ECONOMIC (SECTION ONE).

Yee Tsong Tobacco Company temporarily closed Pootung and Hong Kew branch factories while Yangtzepoo factory still continues operation. Shut down affects five thousand workers but who are being kept on half pay. Reason for closing is inability to ship to interior Yangtze points. On May fourteenth direct commercial radio communication between Shanghai and two San Francisco stations was restored and open to public by Chinese Government's former radio administration now under Japanese auspices. Plans for the restoration of mail service in Shanghai, Nanking, Hangchow are in progress. Shanghai offices reformed government in Nanking were established in former Chinese Civil Center Building at Kiangwan. A central China electric company is being formed by Japanese to commence July first with announced intentions of first controlling telephones, then trams, then power supply in Shanghai areas with eventual expansion elsewhere. Section follows.

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- Universal Leaf Tobacco Co., Inc., Richmond, Va.
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