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New Sino-Japanese Parley Reported Making Progress Toward Peace In Far East

NANKING HOPEFUL ABOUT PROSPECTS OF AN AGREEMENT

American, British, French and Italian Ministers Attend Meeting At Shanghai

JAPAN ANNOUNCES TROOP WITHDRAWAL

Nearly Half of 55,000 Soldiers Sent To Shanghai Since Hostilities Are Being Evacuated; Conferees Re. fuse To Reveal Nature of

Shanghai, March 19. (AP) Japanese and Chinese authorities met in a new peace conference today at the British consulate, and participants in the parleys said progress was being

Chinese official quarters at Nank ing were reported hopeful over the sit untion, and, although the conferees have declined to reveal the nature of of their discussions, Nelson T. John son. American minister to China, said the move for peace was progressing. The ministers of the United States

Great Britain and France and the Italian charge de-affaires attended the conference. Quo Taichi, Chinese vice minister for foreign affairs, represented China, and Mamoru Shigemitsu Japanese minister to China, represent

Summing up the movement of troops. Japanese headquarters said 55.000 troops arrived here during the time since hostilities began and that about 20,000 were now being with

LOW RECORD MADE IN AUTO FATALITIES

Better Driving by Motorists, Is Belief

Duly Disputch Bureau, in the Nir Wutter Hotel, BY J. C. RANKEVELL.
Raleigh, March 19.—The number of

killed and injured in automobile accidents in North Carolina in February dropped to the lowest figures in many months, with only 38 killed and 328 injured in 260 accidents involving 364 cars, according to the accident fig-ures for February released today by L. S. Harris, chief of the automobile license bureau of the State Department of Revenue. In February last year 43 persons were killed and 382 injured. In January of this year 55

were killed and 370 injured. This decrease in the number of killed and injured may be due partly to the fact there were not so many cars on the highways during February. According to Harris. The principal facfor in the decrease, however, he believes is due to greater carefulness on the part of motorists and the better conformance to the highway laws. An analysis of the February report shows that the majority of the accidents resuited from disregard for the highway and motorvehicle laws, but that there were not as many violations as

"The February accident report, showing only 38 killed and 328 injured, is the most encouraging we have had in many months," said Captain Charles D. Farmer, commander o fthe State Highway Patrol. I think it shows that the motorists in the State are showing more and more regard for the highway laws and that the educational campaign for better and safer driving put on for more than two years now by the State Highway Patrol is at last beginning to show real results. The records continue to show that most of the ac-

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Japan Disclaims Responsibility Of Manchurian State

Tokyo. March 19.—(AP)—The Japa nese foreign office officially informed the Chinese government today that the establishment of the new Manchurian federated state was a result of self-determination by the people of Manchuria, and that Japan was in no way responsible for it.

"Gamest Kid" Passes On



infantile paralysis, Clarence Hastings, bravely, but yesterday his fight ended -in death. The spirit with which he lought won for him the title of "The Syracuse, N. Y.

Lying in an "iron lung" for nearly gamest kid in America." On top of his six months fighting the ravages of other trouble, Clarence was recently operated on for an abdominal obstruction, the operation being per-14. of King's Ferry, N. Y., fought formed between periods during which he was taken from the respirator. He was confined in the City Hospital,

Formal Statement of Situation Issued by President Hoover

Washington, March 19. - (AP) President Hoover, in a formal statement today reported the financia Only 38 Killed, Indicating necessities of the nation's important rail carriers were less than at first thought, and that a coordinated plan of relief had been formed.

The President estimated the aid re quired in meeting the interest and renewal of railway securities, together with their orner applications during 1932, would range from \$300,000,000 to \$400,000,000.

Estimating that as much as \$60,000. 000 might be provided by the railway credit corporation, the President stat

"Recourse to the Reconstruction Corporation by the railroads will be much less than was originally

Commenting upon the series of railthe White House late yesterday with 15 outstanding railway chiefs, Mr. Hoover said "the coordination of programs and policies have been arrived at by the government and the railway agencies to effect a meeting of the

Crop Production Loans of \$598,971

Washington, March 19.-(AP)--Crop roduction loans totalling \$598,971 already have been made to 3,500 farmers from the \$50,000,000 fund appro priated by Congress to help them finance their spring planting. These loans are being made from seven regional offices average slightly

HARRY T. HARDING TO HEAD TEACHERS

Charlotte Superintendent Elected By State Convention Held In His

Charlotte, March 19 .- (AP) Harry T. Harding, superintendent of the Charlotte schools, today was elected vice-president of the North Carolina Education Association, which is holdng its annual convention here.

Harding and M. C. Dry, superintendent of the Cary schools, were nominated for the vice-presidency Thurs-day night when the convention open-ed. At the same time Clyde A. Erwin, of Rutherfordton, vice-president for the past year, was elevated to the presidency.

Bank Failures at Lowest Level Yet

New York, March 19.—(AP)— Only ten bank failures occurred in the last week, continuing the very low rate of suspension marking the last few weeks The American Banker said tonight. This is a reduction of one as compared with the previous week.

Fallures in March to date number 24, with 524 recorded since the beginning of the year. Five banks reopened during the week.

RITCHIE DEPLORES FEDERAL INACTION

Failure of Government To Help In Crisis Is Disheartening

New York. March 19.—(AP)—Gov-ernor Albert C. Ritchie, of Maryland, frequently mentioned as a possible Democratic presidential nominee, said Commenting upon the series of railin an address today before the Na-way conferences, climaxed by one at tional Democratic Club that the American people appear to be "drifting

In an address devoted entirely to unemployment and the economic situation, Governor Ritchie charged the Federal government with delay and inaction, and said:

"The lack of any plan designed to apprise the people of the United States that their government is standing ready to give whatever assistance in whatever form may be resuired and justified to avert a national calamity Are Already Made of unlimited severity, is one of the most disheartening circumstances of our day."

State Income Tax Still Well Ahead Of Same Date 1931

Raleigh, March 19 .- (AP) -- State income tax collections today aggregated \$63,832.04, compared to \$146,549.44 for the same day a year ago, but the aggregate for the current fiscal year continues to run far ahead of last year. Total collections to date this fiscal period are \$6,362,785.25, compared with \$5.531,273.63 to the same date last year, A. J. Maxwell, cor of revenue, said.

SEEKS TO REPEAL LAW ON GAMBLING

Reno, Nevada, March 19 (AP)-Call for a meeting here in May to plan a referendum to repeal Nevada's law licensing gambling at the general day by Frank Williams, University of Nevada regent and former legislator.

POLITICAL HORIZON CLEARS SHARPLY IN COURSE OF A WEEK

Removal of McNeill From Gubernatorial Field Leaves Three Definitely Running

MORRISON SPEECHES HELPS CAUSE ALONG

Senator Gets Into Fray With Old-Time Ire, Which Public Likes; Ehringhaus Has Plunged Into Fight For Governor With Much Greater Vim

Daily Disputch Suresu. In the Sir Walter Hotel, BY J. C. BASKERVILL.

Raleigh, March 19-The fog and clouds that have been enveloping the campaigns for the Democratic nomination for both Senator and Governor, lifted more during the past week than at any time so far with the result that for the first time some definite trends have been discernable, accordng to belief in political circles here. The most important development in the gubernatorial campaign was the announcement by Tom McNeill of Lumberton that he would not be a candidate for the nomination, thus removing the last of the "potential" candidates and definitely narrowing the campaign down to the three candidates who have been running since last August-R. T. Fountein. J. C B. Ehringhaus and A. J. Maxwell The next important developmen in the gubernatorial campaign was the vigor with which Ehringmans has torn into the Fountain three-planked pletform, composed of his anti-concentration, anti-short-ballot and anti-Brookings reports planks, in an effort to show that all of these are straw men that are not and sannot be issues in the present campaign.

The past week was also important in the senatorial campaign, largely because of the three speeches made in the state by Senator Cameron Morrison and the effect they had. During the first part of the week, even after Morrison's speech here in Raleigh Tuesday night, not much reaction was noticeable. But since these speeches have had time to sink in on the collective Democratic mind in the state, especially here in the east, a very definite reaction favorable to Morrison has been noticeable for the last several day's according to opinion

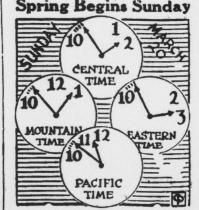
Until Morrison came back to the state this week to look after his campaign fences, a great many people, including friends of Morrison, were convinced he was going to have a difficult time to overcome the opposition to him in many sections of the state. especially because of the bitter at-

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Expect Showdown Tuesday In Jonas Affair In Senate

Washington, March 19.-(AP) Next Tuesday is expected to see owdown in the fight over the confirmation of the appointment of Charles A. Jonas as district attorney for Western North Carolina.

Senator Schall, Republican, Minconfirmation, succeeded in having the matter delayed yesterday, although Senators Morrison and Bailey, of North Carolina, Jonas' bitter opponents sought immediate action.



Spring begins officially at 2:54 p. m., eastern time, 1:54 p. m., central time, 12:54 p. m.. mountain time and 11:54 a. m., Pacific time. Sunday, March 20.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Increasing cloudiness tonight and Sunday; probably light showers Sunday in west and north central portions; warmer in extreme north portion tonight; cold-er Sunday afternoon and night.

Kidnaper Suspect Is Led About Lindbergh's Estate To Discern What He Knows

Eliminated From Lindy Case



Owing to their disappearance on the day after the kidnaping of the Lindbergh baby and the subsequent statement of their employer, Mrs. C. L. Lightfoot of Franklin Park, N. J., that they had made a mysterious auto trip on the night the baby was stolen, Paul Thornberg and his wife, Katie (both above), were believed for a time to be possible kidnaping suspects. However, after an exhaustive check-up of their movements on the night in question, New Jersey State Police have definitely eliminated them from the case.

Abolished and Prison-

ers Are Freed

Dublin, Irish Free State, March 19.

(AP) Eamon de Valera, new presi-

dent of the Free State had put into

effect today the first of the public

safety act of the Cosgrave regime.

tion for a secret military tribunal, and

virtual martial law in Ireland, was

suspended last night by an order of

Valera and the executive council

Many prisoners who were convicted

and sentenced under the act during

the Cosgrave regime on charges of

plots to overthrow the government

were freed by de Valera amid cheers

from the crowds shortly after he took

Returned to Work

Raleigh, March 19.-(AP)-There

were 745 persons returned to jobs in

North Carolina during the 24 hours

ended at noon today and Greenville led with 375 placements, Major

Michael A. Perry, director reported

The total for the State since February 15 is 8,483. North Carolina ranks

second among the states of the coun-

try in placements for the last 24-hour

Raleigh, March 19 .- Annual Alumn

Day will be celebrated at North Caro-

lina State College Jun 6 with the return to the campus of nine classes

comprising approximately 1000 alumni

will meet to discuss old times and

Under the DIX system of class re-

unions the classes of 1906, '07. '08,

'09, '25, '26, '27, '28 and '31 will be

given special invitations to attend. All

other alumni will also be urged to at-

This plan provides for all alumni

who were in school during a four year period to meet. It is also customary

for the graduating class of the pre-

OFFERED AT HILL

Chapel Hill, March 19 .- "The Play-

boy of the Western World." an Irish

drama that caused riots in New York

al lover the country is to be present-ed here in Chapel Hill next Tuesday

evening, March 22, by the famous Ab

bey Theatre Irish Players of Dublin.

inson manager and director of the

Abbey Treatie.
The Irish Players are touring Am-

FAMED IRISH PLAY

vious year to return.

JUNE 6 AT STATE

ALUMNI DAY TO BE

In Past 24 Hours

745 More Persons

office last week.

this afternoon.

The act, which included authoriza-

Papers of Airman Lost at Sea Are Found by Trawler

Amsterdam, March 19.-(AP)bundle of papers belonging to Parker G. Cramer, American aviator, who as lost in the North Sea last August was picked up in the North Atlantic by a Dutch trawler and turned into the American consulate here today The papers included Cramer's flying license, a permit for his flight across the Atlantic, a letter from his mother

and a description of the plane. The trawler, known as No. 130, just returned from a fishing trip. The master said the papers were picked up in latitude 59.38 north, longitude, 3.42 east, which is a short distance east

o fthe Orkney islands GARNER ENDORSES

Surest, Soundest, Best Way To Balance Budget, Speaker Declares

Washington, March 19 (AP) Speaker Garner in a formal state-ment today, gave his full endorsement to the new revenue bill and the manufacturers' sales tax provision.

The Texas Democrat said the Ways and Means Committee has the "surest, soundest and most effective means" of balancing the budget, adopted the sales tax after prolonged and exhaustive deliberation.

Garner's statement follows, in part: "There never was and there never can be a perfect tax bill. There never was and there never can be a tax bill pleasing to every one, or indeed entirely pleasing to any one. The supreme purpose of the pending tay bill is to enable the government to balance the budget. As the surest soundest and most effective mean to this vital end, the sales tax plan was adopted after prolonged and exhaustive deliberations."

AIRPLANE MISSING WITH SIX IS FOUND

South Porcupine, Ontario, March 19. (AP)— An airplen carrying six hockey fans and a pilot missing since Wednesday on a flight from Oshawa to Timms, was found by air searchers today south of Night Hawk lake, where it had crashed and was badly damaged. The flier who found the plane said all seven persons had been injured, but he did not believe the ndition of any was critical.

\$25,000 DIAMOND IS TAKEN BY ROBBERS

New York, March 19 .- (AP) Tw robbers escaped today with unset diamonds valued at \$25,000 from the nineteenth floor office of Herman Sats, diamond dealer at the corner of Fifth under the direction of Lennox Rob-Avenue and 47th street.

The robbers raced from the effice in a successful dash to beat an alarm which blocked the exits with guards erica by special arrangement with the just after they had got away. just after they had got away.

20 MILES AWAY IN

Puts Ladder To Nursery Window of South Plain. field Home Like Lindbergh Case

FINGERPRINTS ARE COMPARED LIKEWISE

Red Johnson Led About Over Grounds to See What He Knows About Terrain And to Learn If He May Have Aided Kidnapers Unwittingly

Hopewell, N. J. March 19. (AP)r lenry (Red) Johnson, sailor, suitor of he kidnaped Lindbergh baby's nurse. vas led about the Lindbergh estate y detectives today to determine just now much he knew about the house nd grounds. He was not under arrest in con-

tection with the kidnaping, police eiterated, but detectives wanted to earn how much he knew about the scape in their efforts to discovre thether he might have been an unvitting aid to the kidnapers.

While Johnson was being examined it the Lindbergh home, another man was arrested at South Plainfield after in attempted kidnaping or burglary it Highland Park, about 20 miles Cosgrave Public Safety Act

This man, who gave his name reorge Malden, was arrested after a round keeper at the estate of J. eward Johnson, wealthy surgical ressing manufacturer, had shot at a nan climbing up to the Johnson

ursery. A nurse attracted the ground keepr's attention when she screamed as ladder was placed against the win-ow sill of the room where she slept ith the Johnson infant son. Shots vere exchanged and the interloper led. Malden was arrested and identiide by both nurse and grounds keep-

He was fingerprinted and the prints rought at once to Hopewell, because f the similarity of the method of the indbergh baby kidnaper and the man it the Johnson home, both of whom raised ladders to nursery windows.

SURPLUS OF CROPS IN NEED OF CREDIT

Could Easily Be Disposed of Abroad If Terms Could Be Had

Washington, March 19. (AP) Virtually every bushel of wheat and every bale of cotton the Farm Board conrols, officials believe, could be sold o foreign governments if satisfactory credits were arranged.

That is why administration and congressional leaders are seeking to provide adequate financing, through use of a part of the \$200,000,000 agriculture fund carried in the Reconstruction Finance Corporation act.

Many foreign governments have made overtures to the board, but in most cases accepts/ole credit terms could not be reached. The board now is financially strapped and financial aid must be provided. Chairman Stone, of the board, and others believe domestic fnarkets would be strengthened materially if the burden of American crop surpluses could be

Negro Prisoner Tries To Force Check on Prison

Raleig'n, March 19 (AP)-An atempt of a Negro trusty of State Prison to cash a forged check at a bank in the center of Raleigh's business section caused much excitement today as the Negro fled through crowds of and Philadelphia 20 years ago, and thereby made itself front-page news pedertrians on Fayetteville street until he was caught on the State Capitol grov nds.

The prisoner, Willie Frank Jones, entered the prison in February from Bowan county to serve three years for

Police said he was detected trying to cash a check for \$28.50 carrying the forged name of J. K. Powell prison