

## SWEETHEART OF STOLEN BABY'S NURSE EXONERATED

### PEACE PARLEY IN SHANGHAI STALLS ON JAP SOLDIERS

Disposition of Troops Understood To Have Deadlocked Negotiations In Progress

### JAPANESE WORKING ON NEW TRENCHES

Barbed Wire Barricades and Sandbag Redoubts Being Thrown Up Along Front Lines; Those in on Negotiations All Profess To See Bright Hopes

Shanghai, March 21.—(AP)—New parleys for peace and new trenches for war were under way here today. Japanese and Chinese negotiators continued the peace parleys under the auspices of neutral observers, while out along the Japanese front lines to the northwest Japanese soldiers worked feverishly on new trenches, barbed wire barricades and sandbag redoubts.

Those actually connected with the negotiations, the Chinese and Japanese representatives, and the foreign officials, all profess to see hope for success of the parleys, but there were widely speculative reports on the outside that the negotiators were deadlocked over the question of Japanese troops.

Officials declined to reveal the plan suggested for the armistice, but they were reported to have centered on three points:

1. Chinese troops to remain in their present positions about 20 miles west of Shanghai.
2. Japanese troops to withdraw into the international settlement.
3. A neutral commission to supervise the Japanese withdrawal and to take over the administration of the wide area around the city now occupied by the Japanese.

### DEFENDS SALARIES FARM BOARD PAYS

### Others Charge Board Strangling the Cooperative Associations

Washington, March 21.—(AP)—C. E. Huff, of Chicago, president of the Farmers National Grange Cooperation, today defended the salaries paid officials of his organization.

He told a Senate committee only seven men in the corporation would be effected by the bill of Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, to cut farm board salaries and limit the pay of officials of borrowing organizations to \$15,000.

### GASTONIA MAN ATTACKS FARM BOARD'S POLICIES

Washington, March 21.—(AP)—Dameron H. Williams, of Gastonia, N. C., today told a Senate committee that the "Farm Board, by unwise use of its powers, is literally crushing the cooperative movement."

Williams, a member of the American Cotton Shippers Association, and a former president of the Atlantic Cotton Association, appeared in the committee's hearing on the bill by Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, to cut the pay of Farm Board members and officials of affiliated organizations.

He said charges against the association by U. Benton Blalock, president of the American Cotton Cooperative Association, are not true and "obviously unfair and unjust."

Williams presented a telegram from J. Rusbee Pope, editor of the Dunn, N. C. Dispatch, as denial of a charge by Blalock that the shippers' group had paid the paper to print an editorial assailing Farm Board salaries.

### Another Kidnaper Sentenced in Ohio. For Stealing Boy

Warren, Ohio, March 21.—(AP)—John Damarco, 30, of Youngstown the second of two men indicted in connection with the kidnaping of 11-year-old James DeJutt Jr., of Niles, today pleaded guilty to a charge of harboring and concealing a kidnaped person and was sentenced to one to 20 years in the State penitentiary.

Damarco also was indicted on a charge of kidnaping with intent to extort, which carried a penalty of life imprisonment, but was permitted by Prosecutor G. H. Birrell to plead to the lesser charge.

### Figures in New Kidnaping Attempt



Using almost the same tactics employed in the kidnaping of the Lindbergh baby, a man attempted to enter the nursery at the home (above) of J. Seward Johnson, millionaire manufacturer of New Brunswick, N. J. He was driven off after an exchange of shots. George Maiden (left), of New York, is shown with detective after his arrest at South Plainfield, N. J., as a suspect. Mrs. Johnson is shown with Elaine, one of the four Johnson children.

## Politicians Here Watch Federal Sales Tax Fight

### Over 275,000 Jobs Provided Thus Far

New York, March 21.—(AP)—More than 275,000 jobs had been drafted today in the war against depression.

Minnesota held the numerical lead over all the states, having found jobs for 39,012. Delaware, however, topped the country on a percentage basis, reporting a total of 4,591 new jobs, which represents more than 230 percent of its comparative quota.

## JAPAN WITHHOLDS FULL RECOGNITION

### Tokyo Expresses Pleasure, However, Over Outlook in Manchuria

Tokyo, March 21.—(AP)—Japan's reply to the bid of the new Manchurian government for official recognition was sent to Shanghai today.

It made no mention of recognition, however, and merely a acknowledged receipt of the Manchurian note. The government expressed gratification over the avowed intention of Henry Fu Yi's regime to maintain the open door and equal opportunity.

The war office announced that total casualties of the Japanese army in the campaign at Shanghai was 591 killed and 1,773 wounded.

## GARDNER TO TALK ON LAND PROBLEM

### Governor, on the Radio Tonight, May Also Answer His Critics

Raleigh, March 21.—The problems of the landowners will be discussed by Governor O. Max Gardner tonight in a radio address from 6:30 to 7 o'clock in a Statewide radio hook-up that will include all the radio stations in the State. Though Governor Gardner will speak from Raleigh, his speech will be relayed to the radio stations in Greensboro, Charlotte, Asheville, Winston-Salem and Wilmington, so that it will be broadcast from six stations at the same time. As a result, it will be possible to tune in on the speech from any of these six stations, so that it will be possible for people in every section of the State to hear it.

While most of the speech will deal (Continued on Page Four.)

### Support of It By Eastern North Carolina Congressmen Is Regarded as Significant

### ANOTHER SALES TAX MOVE HERE LIKELY

But There Might Be Some Hesitancy if Measure in Congress Fails; Its Application Would Take Many Millions from People of This State

## TEACHERS TO MAKE DEMANDS IN 1933

### Raising Big Fund For Campaign To Force Legislation Through

### SEEKING HIGHER PAY

Would Abolish Equalization Board, Replacing It With Self-Perpetuating Board of Own; Against More Economies

Raleigh, March 21.—The platform that will be advocated by the North Carolina Educational Association in the 1933 General Assembly, and for which a big war chest is now being provided from a levy of \$2 on each school teacher in the State, is rapidly taking definite form. In fact, a close study of the many speeches made before the meeting of the association in Charlotte recently and a careful reading between the lines of these speeches clearly reveal the basic structure of this platform.

The basic planks in the platform or program that will be urged upon the 1933 General Assembly, as indicated by the trend of thought at the Charlotte meeting of the association, are as follows:

1. More money for the public schools of the State, from any source, but preferably from sources other than taxes.
2. Higher salaries for teachers.
3. Opposition to any further economy in the operation of the public schools on the grounds that any more economy will injure standards of instruction given.
4. Abolition of the State Board of Equalization by means of a Constitutional amendment that will put all school administration in hands of a self-perpetuating State School Board and thus remove it from any interference or controls by the State general assembly.
5. A State supported eight months school term, to assure teachers and executives of State pay checks from the Treasurer's Office for eight instead of six months and thus remove the uncertainty of pay checks from local governments.

None of the speakers, naturally, came out and advocated this platform in so many words. But after much beating about the bushes, most of the speeches made eventually pointed toward one or more of these planks as things that must be obtained for the continuation and preservation of the schools in North Carolina.

Nor did any of these planks or (Continued on Page Five.)

## Tax Decline Shown Above \$100,000,000 For Year Thus Far

Washington, March 21.—(AP)—Income tax collections from the first quarter's payments on March 18 were \$27,841,167, as compared to \$24,105,314 for the same day a year ago. The collections brought the total for March to \$152,428,074, against \$283,229,265 in the same number of days last March.

## CHALLENGES FOES OF SALES TAX TO BALANCE BUDGET

### Secretary Mills Tells LaGuardia to Get Money Elsewhere or Vote For Measure

### ADMINISTRATION IS CALLING FOR HALT

Substitute for Ways And Means Committee Proposal Would Lack \$530,000,000 of Yielding Enough Revenue, Treasury Head Tells Congressmen

Washington, March 21.—(AP)—Alarmed by the prospect of facing the tax bill before the House, the administration called upon the opposition today to halt its fight unless it can devise a program to balance the budget.

In a letter to Representative LaGuardia, the independent Republican from New York, who has the leadership of those opposing the proposed sales tax, Secretary Mills said the proposition put forward by LaGuardia as a substitute for the Ways and Means Committee bill would fall by \$530,000,000 to yield the amount of revenue needed.

A copy of the letter was sent to Acting Chairman Crisp, of the Ways and Means Committee.

## ROW BY CHILDREN RESULTS FATALLY

### Fathers Get Into It And One Shoots Other At North Wilkesboro

North Wilkesboro, March 21.—(AP)—A quarrel among children in the neighborhood led to the slaying today of Jesse James Byers, 27, of Gordon, a North Wilkesboro suburb.

Byers was shot by Foster Smith, a neighbor. Byers died in a hospital here.

Smith came to North Wilkesboro for an ambulance for his wounded antagonist and then surrendered to Sheriff W. C. Somers. He was lodged in jail.

Officers were told that Byers' children, playing near the Gordon school house, were throwing rocks at a dog. A rock struck one of Smith's children, and Smith was informed. Then Smith and Byers began an argument, which later became a fight. Police said Byers was attempting to cut Smith with a knife when the latter drew a revolver and fired.

## FRAUD IN ELECTION DENIED BY BAILEY

### Senator, in His Defense, Says Pritchard's Charges Are Not True

Washington, March 21.—(AP)—Senator Bailey, Democrat, North Carolina, today termed "untrue" and denied each of the allegations of fraud in 42 North Carolina counties brought by George M. Pritchard, Republican, of Asheville, who is contesting the election of Bailey in 1930.

In a formal reply filed with the Senate Elections Committee, which expects to take up the contest again tomorrow, Bailey declared Pritchard's amended petition alleged only general counts "without stating any material instance" of fraud or irregularities.

Bailey also asserted: "The presumption of regularity and validity attaches to the election returns as canvassed and certified."

The senator said Pritchard's charge were not sufficient to override that presumption, but that they tended to show that he (Bailey) was elected.

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## 1931 COTTON CROP 17,060,722 BALES

### More Than Three Million 500-Pound Bales In Excess of 1930

### STATE YIELD IS LESS

Larger Than 1929, But Half Million Bales Smaller than 1928, Official Figures by Government Indicate

Washington, March 21.—(AP)—The 1931 cotton crop amounted to 16,595,780 running bales, or 17,060,722 equivalent 500-pound bales, the Census Bureau reported today in announcing final ginning figures for the season.

The 1930 crop was 13,755,518 running bales, or 13,931,587 equivalent 500-pound bales, and the 1929 crop was 14,527,791 running bales, or 14,924,861 equivalent 500-pound bales.

Figures for North Carolina were 756,237 bales.

## House Wet-And-Dry Vote, First Since Prohibition, Removes The Straddlers

### By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Staff Writer

Washington, March 21.—The wets accomplished one thing, anyway, by the vote they recently forced in congress on the subject of the so-called Beck-Linthicum resolution—Hereafter they will not have to fight in the dark, while themselves in plain sight for the dries to snipe at. Surprising as the statement may sound, considering how long prohibition has been the law of the land, fully half the representatives and about an equal proportion of senators have managed hitherto to avoid taking any position on the wet-and-dry question.

On election days they have contrived to appear dry to the dries and wet to the wets.

They could only keep this up by preventing a vote on the issue, and that is just what they have succeeded in doing all these years.

The usual attempt was made to chloroform the Beck-Linthicum resolution, when it was introduced in the house of representatives early in the current congressional session, but for once the anesthetic failed to "take."

The resolution, jointly sponsored by (Continued on Page Four)

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## MOTHER DECLARES SHE IS INNOCENT

### Lexington Woman Accused of Poisoning Her 6-Year-Old Daughter

Lexington, March 21.—(AP)—Mrs. Lola Pickett pleaded not guilty when arraigned in Davidson County Superior Court today on a charge of poisoning her six-year-old daughter, Elizabeth last September.

Judge G. Vernon Cowper ordered a special venire to be drawn and told to report in court Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Pickett has been in jail here since her arrest several months ago.

Solicitor H. L. Koonce said he did not intend to send bills against former Solicitor George A. Younce and W. F. Brinkley in connection with the slaying of Sheriff J. A. Leonard here two months ago, to the grand jury today.

Indications are trial of this case will not be reached until late in the term, if the jury returns true bills.

## Parts of Airplane Found, Pointing to A Double Tragedy

Stuebenville, Ohio, March 21.—(AP)—Parts of an airplane and a dozen air mail sacks found on the West Virginia bank of the Ohio river this afternoon at Brown's Island, five miles north of here, led to the belief that an eastbound Transcontinental Western Air Line mail plane, missing for ten hours, had crashed into the river with its pilot and a woman passenger.

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## WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Cloudy and warmer, probably showers in west portion tonight; Tuesday showers; colder in the afternoon in southwest portion.