

## HEAVY EXCISES MAY REPLACE SALES TAX

### Norfolk Men Say Lindbergh Baby Will Soon Be Returned

#### ATTACHES LITTLE SIGNIFICANCE TO REPORTS ON BABY

Father of Missing Child Feels There Is "No Specific Importance To The Story"

#### NEGOTIATIONS ARE REPORTED GOING ON

Three Norfolk Residents and Kidnapers Said to Be in Communication for Return of Famous Infant; One of Them Optimistic Over the Outcome

Norfolk, Va., March 25.—(AP)—The Rev. H. Dobson Peacock said today that completion of negotiations for the return of the kidnaped Lindbergh baby are not only hoped for, but expected within the next few days by Norfolk men acting as intermediaries.

Hopewell, N. J., March 25 (AP)—Police at the Lindbergh home announced today that Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh himself had come to the conclusion that information brought by three citizens of Norfolk, Va., had "no specific significance" in the investigation of the kidnaping of the Lindbergh baby.

NORFOLK NEGOTIATORS ARE REPORTED AS OPTIMISTIC  
Norfolk, Va., March 25.—(AP)—Hope for the safe return of the kidnaped Lindbergh baby today centered largely upon negotiations reported to be under way between the kidnapers and three residents of Norfolk.

Serving as the intermediaries were the Rev. H. Dobson Peacock, Rear Admiral H. Burrage, retired, and John H. Curtis, Norfolk boat manufacturer. Optimism that the world's most famous baby, reported to be safe, would soon be recovered was expressed by Dr. Dobson-Peacock.

The three interveners, however, said they were fearful that publicity described as "premature" may interfere with the early completion of the negotiations.

#### Police Guard for Longworth's Home Moved by Request

Washington, March 25.—(AP)—A police guard was removed from the home of Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth today at her request, but there was no let-up in the watch over the home of Sir Wilmott Lewis, Washington correspondent of the London Times, nor in the search for the sender of extortion notes to them.

While the notes to the widow of the former speaker of the House did not contain direct threats against her daughter, Paulina, the child is being kept under constant watch. The letters to Sir Wilmott were more direct. They demanded \$1,500 and threatened his five-year-old son, Wilmott, Jr., if the money were not paid.

#### INVESTIGATING INTO JUDGE APPOINTMENT

Washington, March 25.—(AP)—The Senate Judiciary sub-committee considering the nomination to the circuit court of Judge James H. Wilkerson, of Chicago, decided today to call District Attorney George E. Q. Johnson in a further investigation of the appointment.

Chairman Borah said the committee had decided to indict Johnson in connection with some matters mentioned in the letter received yesterday from Frank J. Loesch, president of the Chicago Crime Commission.

#### DISTRESS SIGNALS FROM FRENCH LINER

London, March 25.—(AP)—Lloyd's Agency reported today that the wireless station at Bastia, Corsica, had picked up distress signals from the 12,000-ton French liner Providence. The message said the vessel was aground south of Imbros Island, in the Greek archipelago.

### Peace Negotiations Lag As Two Armies Skirmish

Chinese and Japanese Each Blame Other for Sniping by Outposts on Front Lines; Negotiators Appear Weary but Report Progress Has Been Made

Shanghai, March 25.—(AP)—Sino-Japanese peace negotiations lagged capably today while armies of the two nations engaged in sniping and skirmishing a few miles outside Shanghai.

Each blamed the other for a clash between outposts near Kaiting, and neither had an official explanation of the sniping between troops in the vicinity of Chiawangmiao, incidents which added to the general uneasiness. The Chinese defied the 12 1/2 mile limit ultimatum of the Japanese when they occupied Chiawangmiao recently and they have shown no disposition to retire across Soochow creek, as the Japanese have demanded.

#### Morgan on the Air



Breaking a life-long rule of not making public speeches, J. P. Morgan, world-famous financier, is shown as he appeared when he broadcast a radio appeal on behalf of an unemployment relief organization. Mr. Morgan has hitherto been closely connected with relief work as treasurer of the Unemployment Relief Commission of New York.

#### DOCTOR SAYS GIRL DIED OF POISONING

Mother Chews Gum As Her Murder Trial Progresses At Lexington

Lexington, March 25.—(AP)—Sitting between two sons, Mrs. Lola Pendleton Bickett, accused of poisoning her six-year-old daughter, Elizabeth, nonchalantly chewed gum as the third day of her murder trial got under way.

The court room was crowded to capacity an hour before court opened. Dr. J. C. Leonard, of Lexington, was called as the day's first witness. He told of being called to Mrs. Pickett's home to attend the sick Elizabeth; of what medicine he found there and the condition of the patient.

The witness then testified as to the girl's death. Later he told of the autopsy which was held the following evening and of the second autopsy on January 24.

#### "VICE RING'S" CAR STOLEN LAST NIGHT

Smithfield, March 25.—(AP)—The automobile seized when Major Mitchell was arrested Wednesday in connection with the roundup of an alleged "vice-ring" in this section, was stolen last night.

#### DISORDERLY SCENES IN THE S. C. HOUSE

Columbia, S. C. March 25.—(AP)—The sergeant-at-arms was called on to preserve order in the South Carolina House of Representatives today after Representative H. Kemper Cook, of Horry county, said any member of the House who voted for a free conference committee report on the general appropriation bill "is a coward."

### EVERY ONE WORKS AT MOORESVILLE

Cotton Mills Take Back 350 Persons, Ending All Unemployment

#### FURTHER PLACEMENTS

Total for State Now 12,477. And For Nation as a Whole 326,909. Figure Nearing One-Third of Million Goal

Raleigh, March 25.—(AP)—Ben S. Houston, chairman of the Mooresville American Legion Employment Committee, reported to State headquarters today that the Mooresville cotton mills had re-employed 350 persons and that "every man in this community is now back at work."

Reports received during the 24-hour period ending at noon today showed 386 persons placed in jobs, Major Michael A. Perry, State director said. The total placements for the State since the drive started have now reached 12,477, Perry said.

#### NATIONAL CAMPAIGN NEARS ONE-THIRD MARK IN TOTAL

New York, March 25.—(AP)—The United Action drive to obtain employment for a million jobs was almost up to the one-third notch total today. A total of 14,012 jobs were added yesterday, bringing the figure to 326,909.

#### Henninger Says U. S. Loans Help Credit In State

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, BY J. C. BANKERVILL.

Raleigh, March 25.—Both credit and cash are being loosened up as a result of the loans being made by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in Washington, D. C., according to R. W. Henninger, executive secretary of the Governor's Council on Unemployment and Relief, who returned this morning from conferences in Washington with American Red Cross and federal officials. North Carolina will benefit as much from this as any of the other states, he said.

"Lots of loans are being scattered all over the nation, so as to make the first allotment go as far and do as much good as is possible. Many of these loans are going to the smaller business and there is a feeling that this money will gradually go into the hands of the average citizens."

Mr. Henninger explained that whenever a bank or other business concern obtains a loan, this money is soon put into the hands of patrons or creditors of such a business and will in the natural course of commerce, be paid out as wages, on dates and on purchases made by such people, eventually doing some good within the community over and above that of financial relief to the patrons of creditors of the concern given the loan.

"Such a government policy will force money back into trade channels, stimulate buying and revive trade," Henninger said. "The state is now set to put on a recovery of business on a lower price level but no one should get the idea that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation is to take over bad debts of any bank or other concern. The function of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation is to lighten the strain on business concerns and banks by placing credit at their command."

#### Scenes of Southern Tornado Havoc



Here are three scenes in the wake of the destructive tornado that swept through five southern States, taking a terrible toll in dead and injured as well as appalling destruction of property. Top photo shows friends and relatives of the family of J. W. Puryear, of Pulaski, Tenn., searching the ruins for victims after the twister had completely wrecked their dwelling. Five lives were snuffed out here. Lower picture shows a cotton warehouse at Northport, Ala., with the roof sliced clear away. Inset is another house in Northport looking as if it had been bombed by high explosive shells. The total number of dead in the five States is 275. Hundreds were injured and thousands rendered homeless.

### HOUSE REJECTS TAX UPON BEER

Washington, March 25.—(AP)—A proposal to tax 2.75 percent beer, which would be made under permit from the Treasury, was rejected today by the House.

One hundred and twenty-seven members filed through between the tellers in support of the amendment on the first count of a vote under a procedure which did not permit a roll call. The proposed amendment would have assessed a tax of three cents a pint against beer.

Representative Cullen, Democrat, New York, who sponsored the amendment, argued that it would produce from \$350,000,000 to \$450,000,000 of revenue annually, and would go far toward relieving unemployment.

#### NEGRO PAYS WITH LIFE FOR KILLING

Pitt County Man Drops Into Death Chair With Smile On His Face

Raleigh, March 25.—(AP)—Smiling and apparently unafraid, John Robert Myers, confessed Negro slayer of Pitt county, died in the electric chair at State's Prison today—Good Friday.

Myers was convicted of shooting R. H. Hodges, store-keeper at Pactolus, while he was robbing him. The Negro entered the little octagonal death chamber at State's Prison at 10:32, and was seated in the chair. His last words were: "Good morning, gentlemen," spoken in a clear voice.

#### Liquor Hearings Start by Senate Committee Apr. 14

Washington, March 25.—(AP)—Senator Blaine, Republican, Wisconsin, today announced hearings would be opened on April 14 by a Senate Judiciary sub-committee on proposals for repeal of the eighteenth amendment and modification of the Volstead act. There are half a score of measures pending proposing various prohibition changes. Lethal hearings are in prospect, but Blaine gave assurance that the committee would conclude in time to permit a Senate vote.

### MAXWELL, REYNOLDS INJECT SPICE INTO A SLEEPY CAMPAIGN

Reynolds' Defiance of Political Machine Attracts Many Followers in Raleigh

#### MAXWELL DENIES ANY AFFILIATIONS

Says He Is Not Candidate of Reynolds Tobacco Company or Any Other Corporation; Shows Points of Agreement of all Three of Contestants

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, BY J. C. BANKERVILL. Raleigh, March 25.—Two candidates for the Democratic nomination to high offices in the State and nation unlimbered their heavy artillery last night.

#### WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Fair and warmer tonight; Saturday increasing cloudiness, probably followed by showers in west portion; warmer in east portion.

#### WEATHER AT EASTER UNCERTAIN AS YET

Charlotte, March 25 (AP)—There was plenty of doubt in the weather man's mind today as to whether the Carolinas would have a fair Easter.

#### WOOD SAYS RECONSTRUCTION CREDITS HELPING THE STATE

Charlotte, March 25.—(AP)—The flood of fresh money released in North Carolina by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation is creating new desire and ability to trade in the State and is gradually, but surely, alleviating the stringency of economic conditions. This was the opinion expressed here today by Wood H. Wood, presidency and chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in the Carolinas. In commenting on current organized efforts to restore business activity and to relieve unemployment, "More money in circulation," said Mr. Wood, "means stabilization" of values. Commodity prices rise and values swing upward. A revival of business is the result.

### HOUSE COMMITTEE TURNS TO ORIGINAL PLAN OF TREASURY

Automobiles, Radios, Gasoline, Three-Cent Postage and Similar Levies Seem Likely

#### TALK STAMP TAX ON CHECKS AND DRAFTS

Acting Chairman Crisp, with Almost Unanimous Appeal From House, Returns to Task of Re-Writing Bill After Defeat of Sales Tax Measure

Washington, March 25 (AP)—Stripped of its general sales tax by overwhelming vote of the House, the one-time billion dollar revenue bill today was a mere bulk, defeated leaders rushed to repair the damage with an alternative program that still would balance the budget.

They fell back on original Treasury proposals for heavy excise levies on automobiles and radios; for a one-cent tax on gasoline; stamp taxes on checks and drafts; three-cent postage and similar levies. Acting Chairman Crisp, of the Ways and Means Committee, doggedly led his group back to work this morning on the gap-filling assignment. He had sought to turn the job over to some one else after the revolt had smashed his bill, but a resounding ovation from the entire House membership compelled him to carry on.

#### Says Bank Credit Corporation Not 'Voluntary' Group.

Washington, March 25.—(AP)—A statement that formation of the National Credit Corporation last October by bankers was "not voluntary," but was undertaken on the assurance of President Hoover that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation would be formed to take over its work was made before the Senate Banking Committee today by Percy H. Johnston, president of the Chemical Bank and Trust Company of New York. This statement was made during hearings on the Glass banking revision bill when Senator Glass, Democrat, Virginia, recalled the contribution of leading banks to the National Credit Corporation fund to aid smaller banks and used the words "voluntary."

#### MELON'S BIRTHDAY

Pittsburgh, March 25 (AP)—Andrew W. Mellon, newly-appointed ambassador to Great Britain observed his 77th birthday quietly with his family today.

#### SUITOR STILL HELD



This is a new and hitherto unpublished photo of Betty Gow, nursemaid to the stolen Lindbergh baby, in whom Col. and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh have the utmost confidence. Henry "Red" Johnson, Miss Gow's suitor, extensively questioned in connection with the case, is being held by Newark, N. J., officials for the immigration authorities.

#### INDIAN 'MESSIAH' COMING TO AMERICA

Bombay, India, March 25 (AP)—Meher Baba, the Indian spiritual leader, whose disciples call him "the Messiah," and the "God-man," left here today for a new crusade in America. He intends, he said, to break down all religious barriers, destroy America's materialism and amalgamate all creeds into a common element of love.