

## FOUR BANDITS ROB BATTLEBORO'S BANK OF \$5,000 IN CASH

Robbery Is Executed In Two Minutes and Quartette Flee in North Caro. Line Car

CASHIER IDENTIFIES LEADER OF THE BAND

Police Say He Is Paul Edwards, Wanted in Number of Eastern Carolina Towns As One of Group Wanted in Freight Car and Wholesale Robberies

Rocky Mount, July 20.—(AP)— ("Railroad") Ray, former Piedmont League catcher, and Paul Edwards, suspected leader of box car thieves, both wanted on a number of charges in Eastern North Carolina, and Jimmy Hill under bond on larceny charges, are being sought in connection with the robbery today of the Planters Bank of Battleboro, officers here said.

T. J. Pearsall, prosecuting attorney, said the three stopped at a filling station near Battleboro early today and were recognized there by a man who knows them.

Battleboro, July 20.—(AP)— Four bandits, each unmasked and carrying a pistol, held up the Planters National Bank here today and escaped with approximately \$5,000. The robbery was executed in less than two minutes, and the quartette fled in a small sedan carrying a North Carolina license tag.

Citizens outside the bank did not realize the institution had been robbed and the license number was not obtained.

James Daughtridge, cashier, said the men forced him to lie on the floor while they scooped up all cash from the cash drawer and part of the bank's funds for the safe.

He said the bandits were strangers and that he did not recognize any of them.

The bank is a branch of the Planters National Bank of Rocky Mount, eight miles away.

Daughtridge said the men entered the bank and immediately announced their intention, displaying their pistols and forcing him to the floor. Later Daughtridge was shown a series of photos by police and picked out one

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## Chicago Man Is Held For N. C. Courts

Harry L. Drake Wanted at Raleigh on Charges of Usury in Lending

Chicago, July 20.—(AP)—Harry L. Drake, operator of a chain of small loan companies, surrendered in felony court today on an indictment charging conspiracy to evade the usury laws of North Carolina.

He had attempted to surrender last night and couldn't; there was no warrant clerk at the detective bureau to issue a fugitive warrant.

Shortly after his arraignment on a fugitive warrant, charging him specifically with conspiracy to defraud J. E. Moore, of Raleigh, N. C., Drake who is fighting extradition in the southern state, was released on \$2,000.

He escaped the formality of being photographed or being fingerprinted by the bureau of identification.

## Greenville Man In Tobacco Job

Washington, July 20.—(AP)— Farm administrators today announced the appointment of James C. Lanier, of Greenville, N. C., to take charge of administering the farm act and activities dealing with the processing and marketing of tobacco. He will assist in drafting trade agreements submitted by the industry under the farm act.

## JOHNSON HASTENS TO BALK CRISIS IN RECOVERY SCHEME

Higher Wages Sought To Increase Buying Power in Pace With Fast Rising Prices

## ROOSEVELT TO ADD HIS ENDORSEMENT

President Ready To Approve Voluntary Wage Raising and Limit of Hours as Mapped Out by "Brain Trust"; Johnson Issues His Warning

Washington, July 20.—(AP)—Foreseeing a crisis in the recovery program unless popular purchasing power is stepped up to keep pace with rising prices, Industrial Administrator Hugh S. Johnson today perfected the plan for nationwide adoption of minimum wages and working hour limitations.

Only approval by President Roosevelt awaits promulgation of the drastic proposition, and Johnson was ready to seek that before the day is out.

The plan would be voluntary, with reliance on pressure of public opinion to get industrial and business concerns into line.

Making the rounds of hearings being held on proposals for specific codes, to raise wages and restrict working time, Johnson told the crowd of meetings "we are emerging from the depths, but not from the dangers" of depression. He warned insistently that wages must keep step with rising prices, going so far in talking to a hotel session on the code proposed for the women's cloak and suit industry that a crisis is faced within the next month or two in bringing buying power to a par with ascending costs of things.

## Kidnap Suspect Held at Halifax

Halifax, Va., July 20.—(AP)—A man giving his name as Torrence D. Westmoreland, 26, of Griffin, Ga., is being held in Halifax county jail in connection with the kidnaping of James K. Otley, Atlanta banker.

Sheriff J. A. Tule said the man was held for investigation after a similarity had been noticed between his appearance and pictures of William Delinski, who is wanted for the kidnaping. Westmoreland was detained after applying at the jail for a night's lodging.

## 500 More Workers Quit In Two High Point Mills

High Point, July 20.—(AP)— Employees of the Carolina Garment Company and the High Point Overall Company went on strike here today, demanding a 25 percent increase in wages. The two companies employ about 500 workers.

## Speaker Rainey Down on the Farm



Speaker Henry T. Rainey, of the House of Representatives, is spending his vacation down on the farm with Mrs. Rainey. They are shown doing chores around their home place at Carrolton, Ill. (Central Press)

## Roosevelt Greet Balbo In White House Ceremony

Commander and Other Officers of Italian Air Armada to United States Received by President and He Is Host at Luncheon for the Visitors

Washington, July 20.—(AP)—President Roosevelt received General Italo Balbo and the officers of the Italian flying armada at the White House today.

After an exchange of greetings in the executive mansion, the President entertained the officers at a formal luncheon attended by Acting Secretary Phillips of the State Department and Ambassador Rosso, of Italy.

The crowd which lined the arched driveway of the White House roared a greeting as the fliers were driven to the front portico.

The President's naval and military aides met General Balbo and the officers on the portico and escorted them into the mansion.

The Italian airmen had been given a noisy welcome earlier in the day at the army air station at Bolling Field, and later were driven to a downtown hotel.

General Balbo spent an hour at the hotel sprucing up for the White House reception.

He spoke briefly to reporters and said weather conditions would determine his route across the ocean back to Italy.

President Roosevelt received the fliers in the Blue Room, and in shaking hands with General Balbo he offered his congratulations in Italian.

The President greeted each of the officers, who snapped to attention and saluted before shaking hands with him. The Marine Band played the Italian national anthem as the fliers entered the White House.

After the greeting the President and the fliers sat down to luncheon in the State dining room.

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## Wiley Post Is Sighted At Nome, Alaska, After Safely Crossing Over Bering Sea

## Wiley Post Starts Hop Over Dangerous Pacific From Siberia To Alaska

Solo World Flier 15 Hours Ahead of Own Record In 1931, Which He Seeks To Beat

## OKLAHOMAN SHOWS A RELENTLESS PACE

Pauses Only Two Hours at Khabarovsk Before Pushing on, Despite Almost Complete Exhaustion; Communication Facilities Too Slow for Flier

Moscow, July 20.—(AP)— Wiley Post began the long and arduous trans-Pacific hop of his flight today when, 15 hours and 16 minutes ahead of the record he wants to beat, he hopped off from Khabarovsk, Siberia, for Alaska.

The stocky, daring Oklahoman arrived at the eastern Siberian town at 7:45 p. m. Wednesday, eastern standard time from Rukhlovo, 700 miles away, and was off again at 9:58 p. m., eastern standard time, taking just two hours, 13 minutes for refueling his plane, the Winnie Mae.

His haste eclipsed the communication facilities, and for several hours news of his take-off from Rukhlovo and arrival at the jumping off place was lacking.

His relentless pace, even in the face of almost complete exhaustion, was occasioned by his intense desire to better the mark he made in 1931 with Harold Gatty over much the same route.

He and Gatty were 129 hours, 34 minutes, out of New York when they started the trans-Pacific hop from Khabarovsk; Post alone had an elapsed time at that point of only 113 hours, 48 minutes.

## Prison Cost Sharply Cut By Supt. Pou

Only 61 Percent of \$853,700 Appropriation for Last Year Was Spent

Raleigh, July 20.—The State Prison spent only 61 percent of the appropriation of \$853,700 made to it by the General Assembly during the fiscal year that ended July 1 and turned back into the State treasury an unexpended balance of \$332,090, according to the figures on the operation of the prison this past year made public today by Superintendent George Ross Pou.

Since the consolidation of the State Highway Commission and the State Prison, effective July 1, Pou has been made executive director of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, in which position he is expected to have executive control over both the highway and prison divisions, especially with regard to costs and all financial matters.

The ability to reduce operating costs of the State Prison in the face of a steadily increasing prison population is regarded as the principal factor in the selection of Pou to be chief assistant to Chairman E. B. Jeffress of the Highway and Public Works Commission.

For the fiscal year 1931-32, the appropriation was \$33,300 and expenditures only \$546,517, showing that only 64 percent of the appropriation was expended, turning back \$286,742, the report for that year shows. The unexpended balance or saving during the last two years effected by Pou amounts to \$618,832. Considering the fact that the appropriations for these two years were based upon rock bottom estimates at the time they were made, and upon an estimate of a much smaller prison population than actually existed, the saving of more than half a million dollars during this

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## Prayed in Vain



Mrs. Augustina Degutis, 60, Chicago, is seen praying for her son's safety, as world waited outcome of his flight across the Atlantic to Lithuania. He, Capt. Stephen Darius, died in crash in Germany. (Central Press)

## TENNESSEE VOTES ON REPEAL ISSUE

Is 19th State To Act, All Others Having Voted Affirmatively

## BEER IN TWO STATES

Arkansas and Alabama, Which Voted Tuesday for Repeal, Move for Legalizing Beer Within Their Borders

(By the Associated Press.) Tennessee, dry for nearly a quarter of a century, voted today on the proposal to repeal the eighteenth amendment.

It was the 19th State to do so. All 17 of those voting previously have approved repeal. Tennessee is the third strictly southern state to ballot on the question, Alabama and Arkansas having voted Tuesday to wipe prohibition from the national Constitution.

Oregon votes tomorrow. Seventeen other states have decided to hold elections on or before November 7, while realists expressed confidence that still other states will take similar action, and that before Christmas the eighteenth amendment will be a thing of the past.

## ARKANSAS AND ALABAMA START DRIVES FOR BEER

Little Rock, Ark., July 20.—(AP)— On the heels of their approval of the national prohibition law, movements to legalize beer gained headway in Arkansas and Alabama today.

Governor J. M. Futrell, interpreting Arkansas' vote for repeal as an expression for beer and light wines, issued a statement indicating a call for a special session of the legislature to legalize the 3.2 percent beverages awaited only agreement by legislators

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## GLOBE GIRDLER IS NOW THIRTY HOURS AHEAD 1931 TIME

Planned Landing at Fairbanks, 500 Miles East of Nome, Where He Was Sighted

## TOP ACROSS WATER MADE IN 16 HOURS

Re-Fuels Plane at Khabarovsk, Siberia, and Speeds Toward Alaska Despite Warnings of Thunderstorms Ahead; Sets Fast Pace To Make Time

Seattle, Wash., July 20.—(AP)— Wiley Post, Oklahoma round-the-world flier, passed over Nome, Alaska at 7:30 a. m., Nome time (1:30 p. m., eastern standard time), the United States Army Signal Corps was advised by its station there.

The Signal Corps' message merely said the flier had passed over Nome. It was not known whether he would land or would continue. Post planned to land at Fairbanks, 500 miles east of Nome, where preparations have been made for re-fueling his fast plane for his next flight to Edmonton, Alberta.

Post left Khabarovsk, Siberia at 2:58 p. m., Nome time, yesterday, and thus had taken about 16 1/2 hours on his jump across the perilous Bering Sea.

He re-fueled his plane at Khabarovsk, enjoyed a meal at which he refused to take any wine, and sped toward Alaska despite weather reports of thunderstorms along his route.

## THIRTY HOURS AHEAD AT TIME OF LAST TAKE-OFF

Moscow, July 20.—(AP)—Wiley Post, American globe-girdling aviator, took off from Khabarovsk, Siberia, for the North American continent, today with a lead of 30 hours and 16 minutes over the time he and Harold Gatty set in 1931.

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## STOCKS COLLAPSE WITH COMMODITIES

Off \$2 to \$20, With Cotton Down \$5 Bale, Wheat Dropping 15 Cents

New York, July 20.—(AP)—Stocks and commodity values crumbled today in badly shaken markets.

With wheat smashing down 13 to 15 cents a bushel, corn 12 to 13 cents and cotton more than \$5 a bale, prices on the New York stock exchange crumpled \$2 to over \$20. Distillery and whisky issues were again weakest, but the entire market was sorely hit.

Values faded rapidly through most of the afternoon, following rather feeble attempts to rally—especially in the stock market—during the morning. Wheat's precipitate plunge around the noon hour brought a quick reaction in shares, and, although prices steadied for a time around 2 o'clock, the decline was soon resumed on a broad scale.

## Alleged Luer Kidnapers Are Taken Into Custody

St. Louis, Mo., July 20.—(AP)— Solution of the kidnaping for ransom of August Luer, 77-year-old Alton, Ill., banker was claimed today with the arrest of four men and two women.

Chief of Police Joseph Gerke said the case was "cleaned up" during a raid on the farm home near Madison, Ill., of Michael and Anna Musilla, following the admission of Percy Michael Fitzgerald, an ex-convict, that "I'm right for this job; you've got me."

Police and Department of Justice men cooperated in the reported clean-up of the case.

The Musilla farm was identified by officers as the hide-out where the Alton banker was sequestered for five days prior to his release Sunday morning on a country road near Collinsville, Ill. A dug-out answering the description of the "cold camp" prison where Luer said he was held was located on the farm, Detective Sergeant Leonard Murphy, of St. Louis, declared.

### WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Occasional showers tonight and Friday.