

## Roosevelt Calls Motor Leaders

### President Warns Rail Employers And Workers To Settle Dispute

#### ROOSEVELT WARNS OF TAKING A HAND TO REACH ACCORD

Suggests Public Commission  
To Examine Situation if  
Agreement Is Long  
Deferred

SAYS THE PUBLIC  
IS BEING IGNORED

Writes Conference of Labor  
Heads and Rail Executives  
of Profound Disappoint-  
ment That No Agreement  
Is Reached; Demands Min-  
imum Wage Be Hoisted

Washington, March 20. (AP)—  
President Roosevelt today warned  
railway employers and workers to  
settle their wage disputes and sug-  
gested a public commission to ex-  
amine the controversy.

The President took this action  
shortly after railway employees had  
demanded a 20 percent wage in-  
crease above what they are now getting,  
effective July 1.

In a letter to the conferring rail-  
way executives and labor officials, the  
President repeated his proposal for a  
six months extension of the present  
agreement.

"It is a profound disappointment,"  
said the President, "to learn that no  
progress toward an agreement has  
been made at the conference.

"I fear that sight is being lost of  
the most important factor of all, the  
good of the country.

"If no agreement is reached, and in  
default of arbitration, it may be nec-  
essary for me, with due regard to the  
protection of the general public in-  
terest, to appoint a commission to ex-  
amine thoroughly into the labor con-  
troversy covering all classes of rail-  
road employment, in order that the  
country may be advised of the  
merits."

Mr. Roosevelt also gave notice to  
the railroads that he felt some of  
the wages being paid employees were  
below the minimum established in the  
NRA codes, "if not actually below a  
subsistence basis."

The President demanded that this  
situation be immediately corrected.

Mr. Roosevelt repeated his belief  
that this was not the time to fix per-  
manently the railway wage scale.

#### Five Are Injured When Belk Store At Lenoir Burns

Lenoir, March 20. (AP)—Four  
firemen and a store employee  
were injured here today in a fire  
which destroyed the Belk Depart-  
ment Store, doing damage esti-  
mated at \$100,000.

The firemen were injured when  
the front coping of the store fell,  
showering them with debris.

They were holding a hose at the  
front door when the coping col-  
lapsed.

As the flames roared out of  
control of the local fire depart-  
ment, a truck from Hickory re-  
sponded to a call and aided in  
preventing the fire from spread-  
ing through the entire business  
block.

## Old Man Winter Paying His Farewell Call Here

(By the Associated Press.)  
Old Man Winter paid a farewell  
call to the Carolinas today to inter-  
mittent snow, sleet and rain, followed  
with warm sunshine, through large areas  
of the states. Spring arrives offi-  
cially tomorrow.

It was the latest snow in North  
Carolina since 1915, and sleet and  
frost flakes fell from one end of Tar  
Heels to the other, as a storm trav-  
ersed the area from the southwest  
toward the coast.

Temperatures over the two states  
lowered just above or at the freezing  
mark, and a bright sun, which shone  
at most places today, melted the snow

#### GAVE BEST SCREEN PERFORMANCES



Katharine Hepburn

Katharine Hepburn and Charles  
Laughton, shown above, are re-  
cipients of the annual awards of  
the Academy of Motion Picture  
Arts and Sciences for giving the



Charles Laughton

best screen performances during  
1933. Miss Hepburn was chosen  
for her performance in "Morning  
Glory", and Laughton for "The  
Private Life of Henry VIII".

## Spy Plots Against U. S., Britain And France Are Revealed By The Police

#### 15 Held Under Arrest In Paris After Midnight Questioning of Ame- rican Couple

#### GERMANS, RUSSIANS ARE BENEFICIARIES

#### Vast International Espion- age System Uncovered Paris Police Claim; "Full Confession" Alleged To Have Been Made By Ame- rican and His Wife

Paris, March 20. (AP)—Spying a-  
gainst the United States, France and  
Great Britain was charged by police  
today in a widespread plot they said  
finally had been revealed through the  
testimony of two American prisoners.

Investigators said Germany and  
Soviet Russia had been the benefi-  
ciaries of what authorities describe  
as a vast international espionage syn-  
dicate.

Police of the United States and  
England have been cooperating in the  
investigation of the spy ring, it was  
explained, and it is largely through  
their efforts that the tangled skein of  
the mystery of the so-called plot fi-  
nally is commencing to be unraveled.

Police voiced their charges as de-  
velopments came thick and fast fol-  
lowing a seven-hour questioning of  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Switz, the Ame-  
ricans, in a secret session before  
Judge Andre Benon, investigating  
magistrate, which did not end until  
shortly before last midnight.

Early today five persons, including

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#### Senate Asks for Silver Hoarders

Washington, March 20. (AP)—  
The Senate today called on Sec-  
retary Morgenthau for a list of  
hoarders of silver.

It adopted without debate a re-  
solution of Senator Robinson, Re-  
publican, Indiana, requesting the  
information if such a list was avail-  
able, and if not incompatible with  
the public interest.

The resolution said it had been  
"currently reported" that there had  
been speculation in the white  
metal and that "certain people  
were hoarding it."

## BETTER PROGRAMS FOR FARMS LIKELY

#### County Control Associa- tions To Transform Fu- ture, Schaub Asserts

Daily Dispatch Bureau,  
In the Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, March 20.—County control  
associations to be set up in North  
Carolina as a part of the work in ad-  
justing acreage and production of cot-  
ton, tobacco, wheat and other crops  
will likely be an important factor in  
building better farm programs in the  
State in future years, believes Dean  
I. O. Schaub, director of extension at  
State College and head of the ad-  
justment programs now under way.

In some counties, Schaub points out  
about 95 percent of all the farmers  
have signed adjustment contracts.  
This means that the great bulk of  
the more progressive men and women  
are cooperating in the work of fit-  
ting crop yields and acreages to de-  
mands of the market. When these  
people sign contracts, they automati-  
cally become members of the county  
control associations and are therefore  
interested in seeing that the con-  
tracts are fulfilled in detail by every  
person signing them.

In addition, however, these con-  
tract signers will be further interest-  
ed in using the land taken from the  
production of the cash crops. In  
North Carolina, definite canning and  
good production budgets have been  
prepared by the Extension forces  
showing just how much food materi-  
als is needed for an acreage family  
and how much feed must be produced  
for the various kinds of livestock.  
Planning the acreage so that these  
food and feed requirements may be

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#### MERCHANTS VERSUS REALTORS LINE - UP ON THE SALES TAX

#### Politicians Glad for These Two Groups To Wage The War Over Much- Debated Levy

#### IT RELIEVES THEM OF EMBARRASSMENT

#### Ehringhaus and Maxwell Will Dislike To Go Out and Explain Why They Cussed the Sales Tax and Then Come Out for It; Business Men Take Burden

Daily Dispatch Bureau,  
In the Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, March 20.—Merchants ver-  
sus Realtors is the line-up that of-  
ficialdom is assured will carry the  
sales tax battle this primary, the  
lands and house sellers assuming the  
burden of proving this tax a deliv-  
er and the bacon and bread vendors the  
pleasure of demonstrating that tax a  
devil.

Politicians will welcome this war.  
First place, the fighting will be trans-  
ferred from them to the two groups  
ideally fitted to fight it out on this  
line if it takes all the summers and  
all the winters. The furious blast from  
Secretary Willard Dowell, of the mer-  
chants association, leaves no doubt as  
to that organization's purposes. It is  
going to fight every man in office  
or seeking to get in who favors that  
tax. The merchants do not pay it,  
but they do collect it and, of course,  
suffer just so much loss of money as  
the tax requires to be taken from  
the purchase of goods.

Neither do the realtors pay it. The  
men who buy houses and live in  
them, own farms and kindred prop-  
erty, have felt abounding relief. The  
sales tax proponents say this relief  
has been salvation. The merchants  
say it is damnation. No two such ex-  
pert groups have offered the en-

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## Four Men Are Bound To Court

Raleigh, March 20. (AP)—Four  
men involved in robberies in the rock  
quarry section of East Raleigh last  
week today waived examination police  
court and were bound over to su-  
perior court by Judge Wiley Barnes.

R. J. Corbett, Jr., of Henderson, was  
held under \$750 bond on a charge of  
robbing Dorothy Wasson of \$52 at her  
home on Starr street, and W. E.  
Evans, of Henderson, a companion of  
Corbett, was held under \$300 bond on  
a charge of aiding and abetting in the  
robbery.

Thomas Rogers, a carnival conces-  
sion operator, and W. C. Tripp, a  
salesman, were ordered held under  
\$750 bond each on three charges of  
robbery with firearms growing out of  
the hold-up of Robert B. Coleman, a  
motion picture salesman, of Holly-  
wood, Cal., at the home of Margaret  
Wilson, at 712 East Worth street.  
Coleman reported the robbery.

During presentation of evidence in  
the Evans case it was developed in  
testimony that Dorothy Wasson was  
alleged to have sold Evans and Cor-  
bett whiskey, and budge Barnes or-  
dered Station Lscoe to draw a warrant  
against her charging her with selling  
whisky.

Chief of Police C. E. Barbour said  
he expected to arrest the women dur-  
ing the day.

#### WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Fair and colder on the coast  
tonight; Wednesday fair, with ris-  
ing temperature; heavy frost ton-  
night in the interior and light  
to heavy frost on the coast; low-  
est temperature tonight about 30  
degrees.

FOR HENDERSON.

For 24-Hour period ending at  
noon today: highest temperature,  
40; lowest, 32; temperature at  
noon today, 33; rainfall, 1.09  
inches; one inch of snow; north-  
west wind; cloudy.

#### Bargains for Freedom



Norman Whitaker

Norman Whitaker, above, impris-  
oned lawyer companion of Gaston  
B. Means, convicted of swindling  
Mrs. Evalyn Walsh McLean of  
\$104,000 on the pretense of re-  
covering the kidnapped Lindbergh  
baby, assertedly is attempting to  
bargain for his freedom by tell-  
ing where the money is hidden.  
In a letter written to District At-  
torney Roger Robb at Washing-  
ton, Whitaker also is said to have  
declared that Means knows the  
"inside story" of the Lindbergh  
kidnaping.

## TOBACCO TAX LOSS CUTS N. C. REVENUE

#### Nearly Two Million Dollars Less Paid by Cigarettes Manufacturers

#### TEXTILES INCREASED

#### That and Other Sources of Income Help Materially in Offsetting To- bacco Loss; Federal Revenue Holds Well.

Daily Dispatch Bureau,  
In the Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, March 20.—Federal income  
taxes are holding up well and State  
collections have gone beyond the ex-  
pectation of collectors, both revenue  
departments said today without hav-  
ing final figures.

The budget estimates for incomes  
made at the 1933 General Assembly  
for North Carolina will hardly be  
reached, owing to the heavy losses  
from tobacco, but after the companies  
reported on their year's work and  
the earnings fell so far below normal,  
years, budget figures were disregard-  
ed as to those sources. However, text-  
iles boomed, and the low estimates of  
the budgetary commission were sub-  
ject to revision. The two collecting  
agencies, State and Federal, are,  
therefore, in the jam unable to say  
how much of a recapture is possible  
through the increased revenues from  
unexpected sources.

Collector Charley Robertson, of the  
Federal revenue office, will have a

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## 1933 Cotton Crop About 1932 Total

#### Was 13,043,110 Bales of 500 Pounds, Com- pared With 13,001,- 508 Bales in 1932

Washington, March 20. (AP)—Fi-  
nal figures on the 1933 cotton crop,  
announced today by the Census Bu-  
reau, showed 12,659,953 running bales,  
or 13,043,110 equivalent 500-pound  
bales were ginned, exclusive of lin-  
ters. The 1932 crop was 12,709,647 run-  
ning bales, or 13,001,508 equivalent  
500-pound bales, and the 1931 crop  
16,628,874 running, or 17,095,594 equi-  
valent bales.

The average gross weight of the  
bale for the crop, counting round as  
half bales, and excluding linters, was  
515.1 pounds, compared with 511.5  
pounds for the 1932 crop, and 514.0  
pounds for the 1931 crop.

## President Wires Detroit To Defer Strike Wednesday

#### Industry's Leaders To Ad- journ New York Confer- ence and Hasten To Washington

#### LONG CONFERENCE WITH GEN. JOHNSON

#### Sloan, Chrysler, Macauley and Three Other Leaders Call on NRA Head in New York Hotel, But Events Transpiring Are Kept Guarded Secret

Detroit, Mich., March 20. (AP)—  
A telegram from President Roosevelt  
asking that any action in the auto-  
mobile industry be deferred until  
Thursday was made public here this  
afternoon by William Collins, Ameri-  
can Federation of Labor representa-  
tive here.

#### CALLED TO WASHINGTON TO CONFER WITH ROOSEVELT

New York, March 20. (AP)—Lead-  
ers of the automobile manufacturing  
industry, in session here in an at-  
tempt to avert a threatened strike in  
the industry, announced this after-  
noon they would go to Washington to-  
night in response to a request from  
President Roosevelt.

Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., Walter P.  
Chrysler and four other leading au-  
tomobile manufacturers were closeted  
for an hour with NRA Administrator  
Hugh S. Johnson today discussing the  
general strike which threatens to  
paralyze the automobile industry to-  
morrow.

The meeting which was surrounded  
by the greatest secrecy, was held in  
General Johnson's suite in the Wal-  
dorf-Astoria tower.

At its conclusion, the six repre-  
sentatives of the manufacturers hur-  
ried to the headquarters of the National  
Automobile Chamber of Commerce,  
only a few blocks away, where the  
chamber's board of directors was in  
session discussing strike policy.

Three members of the group of six  
who called on General Johnson were  
not identified.

Alvin Macauley, president of the  
Packard Motor Car Company, and  
president of the chamber, was with  
the delegation.

When the manufacturers got back  
to the building housing the Chamber's  
quarters, they took great care to  
avoid the battery of reporters and  
photographers awaiting them there.  
On the ground floor of the building  
is a clothing store. The six men ha-  
stened through this store and board-  
ed a private elevator, which bore them  
aloft.

Raeform, March 20. (AP)—A Negro  
man and seven young children were  
burned to death here last night in a  
fire that destroyed their home.

The dead are Arthur McRae, a  
boarder, and seven children and grand-  
children and Lizzie Martin, Negro  
woman who owned the house, and  
who was away at the time.

One child, an eight-year-old girl,  
was awakened before the flames  
reached her, and escaped. The others  
apparently suffocated before they  
could reach exits or died in their beds.

## Banker Asks For CERTIORARI WRIT

Raleigh, March 20. (AP)—The State  
Supreme Court today took under ad-  
visement a motion by counsel for W.  
S. Swan, former cashier of the Bank  
of Pamlico, for a writ of certiorari so  
that the entire record might be plac-  
ed before the court.

Swan was convicted of making false  
entries in a bank with branches at  
New Bern, Bayboro, Oriental and  
Arapahoe.

ling the former Chicagoan's affairs.

Although Insull's destination re-  
mained more of a mystery than ever  
to the public, the attorney said Mrs.  
Insull and her husband's lawyers  
were maintaining close touch with In-  
sull by special code.

"Insull seems happy now in calm  
weather," the lawyer said.  
"Wherever he is going now, he will  
make his permanent home if the Uni-  
ted States continues to persecute him."  
"Mrs. Insull will go to Paris Sat-  
urday and thereafter will leave for  
London with a few days."  
Insull may visit as many as 20  
countries before he finds a haven,  
said Xeros.

## Greek Lawyer Declares Insull Will Return Here

Toronto, March 20. (AP)—Sir  
William Muir, chief justice, to-  
day signed the order of the court  
of appeals for extradition of Mar-  
tin J. Insull to the United States  
to face charges of embezzlement.

Athens, Greece, March 20. (AP)—  
Samuel Insull plans to return to the  
United States after the excitement of  
his case dies down, and live in Am-  
erica peacefully the rest of his life,  
one of the aged fugitives Greek attor-  
neys told the Associated Press today.

The lawyer, Mr. Xeros, declared he  
was in communication both with In-  
sull's ship on the Mediterranean and  
his London solicitors, who are hand-