

## House Gets Kerr Bill Tomorrow

### Billion Dollar Gain Shown For National Bank Assets First Two Months Of 1934

#### ASSETS NEARLY UP TO 23 BILLIONS IN MARCH 5 REPORTS

#### Deposit Liabilities Just Under 19 Billions, Each Up More Than One Billion

#### COMPTROLLER GIVES FIGURES IN SPEECH

#### Addresses Golden Anniversary Meeting of Texas Bankers Association At Dallas; Figures Are Elaborated by Mr. O'Connor In His Address There

Dallas, Texas, May 17 (AP)—A billion dollar jump in national bank assets and deposits in the first two months of 1934 was announced today by J. F. P. O'Connor, comptroller of the currency.

He said assets increased from \$21,747,483,000 on December 30, to \$22,941,173,000 on March 5, while deposits liabilities went up \$1,200,605,000 to \$13,790,487,000.

O'Connor gave the figures in an address at the 50th anniversary meeting of the Texas Bankers Association. It was the first public statement of re-

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### STATE HOPES FOR LARGER ROAD FUND

#### Much Benefit To Be Lost, However, Unless U. S. Fund Is 100 Millions

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, BY J. C. BASKERVILL. Raleigh, May 17.—North Carolina will get only about \$1,300,000 from the Public Works Administration if the latest recommendation of President Roosevelt for some \$100,000,000 more for public works projects goes through Chairman E. B. Jeffers, of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, said here today. He is hopeful, however, that Congress will increase this appropriation to at least \$200,000,000 in which event this State will benefit about \$2,500,000 additional for new

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### 2 Of Four Condemned Men To Die

#### Bank Robber-Slayer and Ambush Murderer To Be Executed Tomorrow

Raleigh, May 17 (AP)—Early this afternoon it appeared that two of the four men scheduled to be electrocuted tomorrow would be executed, with executive clemency at least temporarily staying the other two sentences. Mike Stefanoff, one of the four men under the death sentence for the killing of a Taylorsville bank official in an attempted robbery, will probably go to the chair, as will James Sheffield, of Haywood county, convicted of the ambush murder of James Miller. Indications were that Governor Ehringhaus will give respite to R. E. Black, of High Point, convicted along with Stefanoff, and to John Lewis Edwards, Mecklenburg Negro sentenced to die for murdering a street car conductor.

### Europe To Hold Up Arms For South American War

(By the Associated Press) Europe took a drastic step today toward ending a war in South America and looked to the United States for backing in its move.

Great Britain proposed to the League of Nations that no more arms and ammunition be shipped to Paraguay and Bolivia, which have quarreled for 50 years and fought desperately for four over the sovereignty of the Chaco Boreal, a huge wilderness in the center of the continent.

Great Britain's proposal was agreed to enthusiastically by representatives of France, Italy, Spain, Australia, Czechoslovakia and Argentine.

At the same time Great Britain called her ministers in Paraguay and Bolivia to warn the two battling nations that "His Majesty's government disapproves of the warfare."

It was indicated that the cooperation of the United States would be importuned by the cooperating nations.

### LABOR TROUBLE IN GREAT LAKES AREA THREATENS TIE-UP

#### Workers at Buffalo Quit In Dispute Over Wages and Hours, and Others Are Voting

#### LONGSHOREMEN ARE IDLE IN THE WEST

#### Troops Asked at Seattle To Guard Non-Union Workers; Truck Drivers Strike at Minneapolis, While School Teachers Near Scranton, Pa., Quit

(By the Associated Press) Labor troubles broke today upon the Great Lakes, where a general strike of tugmen was threatened, while employer worker truces ended other disputes.

At the port of Buffalo, firemen, linesmen, captains and engineers of the Hand and Johnson Tug Line quit work in a dispute over wages and hours. Towing activities were at a standstill.

Strike votes were being taken at other lake ports.

At Cleveland tugmen voted to continue work through today pending a strike decision.

Several thousand seamen walked out on the Pacific coast in sympathy with striking longshoremen. Mayor John F. Dore, of Seattle, appealed to Secretary of the Interior Ickes for Federal troops to guard non-union stock workers.

Truck drivers demanding union recognition and a closed shop agreement struck at Minneapolis and sought to tie up all vehicular traffic

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### FIRING ON MANCHUS DENIED BY RUSSIA

#### Official Moscow Statement Says Photos Were Made of River Posts

Moscow, May 17 (AP)—An official denial was made today of allegations that Russian frontier guards fired directly on a Manchukuoan river steamer on which Japanese reports said one Manchukuoan sailor was killed and another wounded May 12.

The Soviet government's official version of the border incident was given in a dispatch from Khabarovsk, Siberia.

While sailing up the Amur, near the mouth of the Bijan river, the Khabarovsk dispatch said, the boats approached the Soviet shore while persons aboard began openly taking photographs of the Russian banks and border guard posts.

While the vessel failed to obey Soviet guard signals to halt, the guards fired three blank shots as a warning.

### Attempting To End Laurinburg Strike

Laurinburg (May 17 (AP)—State labor leaders came here today in an effort to find the basis for settlement of a strike of approximately 300 of the Waverly Mills' 00 employees.

Workers walked out yesterday at one of the company's plants, claiming the company was using the "stretch-out" system.

### STATE FULLY ABLE TO PAY TEACHERS

#### Could and Would Have Been Done Even Without \$500,000 U. S. Fund

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, BY J. C. BASKERVILL. Raleigh, May 17.—Teachers who have been told they would not have been paid in full for their last month of teaching but for the efforts of Dr. A. T. Allen, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Jule B. Warren, secretary of the North Carolina Education Association, in getting \$500,000 in relief funds from the government, have been misled. The facts are, according to a statement just issued by LeRoy Martin, executive secretary of the State School Commission, and carried in part in the News and Observer here, that all of the teachers would already have been paid in full for the final month but

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### Dalrymple Is Attacked By Hurley

Washington, May 17 (AP)—Patrick J. Hurley, secretary of war in the Hoover administration, today demanded that a Senate committee require A. V. Dalrymple, former prohibition director, to prove his story of a "conspiracy" to keep Republicans in the prohibition service, or "convict him of criminal libel."

Hurley told the Senate committee that statements by Dalrymple that he and five others held a secret meeting in Hurley's Virginia home and "plotted" to rid the dry unit of Democrats and retain Republicans were maliciously false.

Dalrymple, now a special assistant to the attorney general, replied that he was prepared to meet Hurley's challenge.

"I've said I would produce the people who made these statements, whether true or not."

Hurley, indignant, said his statements made yesterday by Dalrymple were such as to disqualify him for public office.

Pending before the committee is a resolution by Senator McKellar, Democrat, Tennessee, requiring hundreds of employees reinstated in the Treasury's beverage alcohol division to stand civil service examinations.

### Where Kidnaped Child Was Held In Desert Prison



### STEAMSHIP HEAD DENIES CONTACTS ROOSEVELT YACHT

#### P. A. S. Franklin, of I. M. M. Lines, Says He Never Sent Messages To Vacation Ship

#### MAIL CONTRACTS AN ISSUE IN DISPUTES

#### Franklin Says He Never Sent Messages of Any Kind To Kermit Roosevelt on Board Astor Yacht Where President Was Fishing Some Weeks Ago

Washington, May 17. (AP)—P. A. S. Franklin, president of the International Mercantile Marine Corporation, said today he had not any company messages to Kermit Roosevelt, vice president of the line, while Roosevelt and President Roosevelt were guests aboard Vincent Astor's yacht off Florida this spring.

Franklin made that statement to newspapermen just before the Senate air and ocean mail investigation committee resumed its hearing on the connection of the International Mercantile Marine with mail contracts.

Astor was called to testify today.

"I never sent any messages of any kind to Kermit Roosevelt while he was on the yacht Normahal, or at any other time, making any suggestions

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### MANN ACT CHARGES LODGED AT MIAMI

Miami Fla., May 17 (AP)—Federal charges of Mann act violation were filed today against a man who said he is Leonard C. Schofield, former Chicago insurance broker, who, with a woman identified by State authorities as Mrs. Mabel K. Miller, wife of former Mayor Victor K. Miller, of St. Louis, was taken into custody here on statutory charges.

United States Commissioner J. C. Morcock said the Federal charges against the man were filed by a special government agent, who, with State authorities, is investigating the case.



These are the first photos from the scene of the kidnaping of June Robles, right top, six-year-old Tucson, Ariz., child, following her release from her desert prison where she was held for 19 days in a coffin-like box in a shallow grave a few miles from her home.

Top photo shows a view of the box after it was dug up from the ground with Clarence Houston, county prosecutor, who discovered the hide-out, holding the steel bar to which she was chained. Below, is seen the hole leading to the hide-out.

### To Check Telephone Statement

#### Utilities Commission To Satisfy Itself of Accuracy of Charges Set Up

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, BY J. C. BASKERVILL. Raleigh, May 17.—In addition to trying to track down the charges made by the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company to newspapers and the Associated Press for loops and drops, the new State Utilities Commission is going to make a detailed study of every statement and invoice submitted to it by the various telephone companies doing business in North Carolina with a view to bringing about as material a reduction in rates as possible. Utilities Commissioner Stanley Winborne announced here today. But this is not all. Wherever there is any doubt in the minds of the commissioners as to the accuracy of any items contained in any of the statements submitted by the telephone

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### Government Payments To Farmers Are \$9,172,589

Washington, May 17 (AP)—The Farm Administration since January 1 has paid out \$9,172,589 in rental and benefit payments to cotton, tobacco and corn-hog farmers.

An announcement today said payments were distributed by commodities as follows:

Tobacco, \$6,635,367; cotton, \$2,246,217, and corn-hogs, \$281,003.

In the tobacco program, growers of flue-cured tobacco are receiving a major share of the payments, with a total of \$5,923,077 paid to date. The administration has received 103,412 contracts and 48,834 applications for price qualifying payments, of which

74,501 contracts and 31,441 applications for price-equalizing payments have been approved.

Distribution of flue-cured payments by States were: Florida, \$93,233; Georgia, \$969,536; North Carolina, \$3,214,431; South Carolina, \$1,173,655 and Virginia, \$412,198.

Administration officials declared payments to cotton growers are being made at the rate of \$250,000 per day, and that the first installments of approximately \$50,000,000 will be in the hands of cotton farmers within the next six weeks.

Thus far checks representing \$2,246,217 have been distributed.

### AMENDMENTS ARE MADE TO CLARIFY CONTROL MEASURE

#### Growers Who Produce Less Than 2,000 Pounds Are Exempted From the Provisions

#### TAX RANGES FROM FOURTH TO THIRD

#### Will Be Applied To All Tobacco Produced Outside Voluntary Reduction Allotments Except Small Farmer's Crop, as Provided In Amendment

Washington, May 17 (AP)—The House Agriculture Committee agreed today to order the Kerr tobacco production control bill favorably reported tomorrow after clarifying amendments have been written into it.

As agreed to by the committee, the bill exempts growers who produce less than 2,000 pounds of tobacco in a crop year from its taxation feature.

This tax, which will range from 25 to 33 1-3 per cent of the market value will be applied to all other tobacco produced outside of the farm administration's voluntary reduction allotment, except Maryland, Virginia sun-dried and cigar leaf types. The exact tax will be fixed by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace.

Eligible growers who have failed to cooperate in the voluntary reduction plan will be given 30 days after passage of the bill in which to sign a reduction contract.

### Louisiana Negro Held Accused of Extortion Notes

Lake Charles, La., May 17 (AP)—John Collins, 37, a Negro, was under arrest today in connection with an attempt to extort \$100,000 from C. H. Austin, wealthy president of the stevedores associated here.

The Negro, a former railroad worker, was arrested yesterday by Department of Justice operatives when he went to the spot an extortion note directed the money be paid.

Collins stoutly denied writing the note or being connected with the plot.

The letter, received by Austin Tuesday, warned him that "you may inform police at your own sorrow," and directed him to place the money in a wooded section.

### Quarrels In Congress To End Session

#### Gold-Silver Debate Unequalled Since 19th Century Looms in the Senate

Washington, May 17 (AP)—It became more evident than ever today that time-marked quarrels are going to make this congressional wind-up anything but placid.

Already the Senate was in tariff throes, the House bill for presidential trade bargaining powers bringing a argument reminiscent of historical disputes.

And, taking share at the White House, was a Roosevelt recommendation for a bi-metallic money policy, potentially the forerunner of the greatest "gold-silver" debate since the 19th century.

Four other messages, with disputes a probable offspring of each, were scheduled before the attempt to adjourn June 5.

On two subjects, war debts and munitions, the President was expected to give information or state views.

On the other two, coconut oil import levy, which he opposes, and social reform legislation which he favors, he was expected to make definite recommendations.

The House, meanwhile, had today to deal only with the Federal contributions to the government of the District of Columbia.

### WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Mostly cloudy and slightly warmer tonight; Friday fair and warmer.