

# Hauptmann Denies All Charges

## Fear 49 Drowned As Ward Liner Sinks Off Jersey

### ONE SLENDER HOPE HELD AGAINST HUGE TOLL HUMAN LIVES

One Rescue Ship Limp Into New York With 94 Survivors, but Identity Is Uncertain

### PALATIAL LINER IS BORED BY FREIGHTER

Mohawk, Under Lease To Ward Line, Struck By Freight Ship and Sunk During High Wind and Zero Weather; Cause of Collision Undetermined

New York, Jan. 26 (AP)—The possibility that 49 persons lost their lives in the sinking of the \$2,000,000 Ward liner Mohawk grew this afternoon when the freighter Talisman, which rammed the Mohawk off Sea Girt, N. J., last night limped into port without any signs of survivors.

There was no statement from the captain of the vessel, but crew members told newspaper men there were no survivors aboard.

One that basis, one of the last hopes for the safety of the 46 persons listed as missing was:

One rescue ship reached New York this morning with 94 survivors, one of whom died before the vessel docked.

Two coast guard seaplanes reported they had sighted five bodies in the ocean three miles southeast of Manhattan and four empty lifeboats south of Sea Girt.

The vanguard of 117 survivors, many of them in a serious condition after struggling through frigid seas.

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### State Wage Boost Will Be Greater

### Legislative Committees Turning To 20 Rather Than 15 Percent Increases

Raleigh, Jan. 25.—The joint Senate and House Appropriations Committees are apparently becoming more and more convinced that the increase of 15 per cent in the salaries of school teachers and all State employees, recommended by Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus and the Advisory Budget Commission, is not enough and that the appropriations should be increased at least 20 per cent, members of both committees already admit. There is also a growing sentiment that the appropriations recommended for a number of State institutions, especially the University of North Carolina, the Agricultural and Technical College for Negroes in Greensboro and for several other State institutions and departments, are not adequate and should be increased.

But to increase the appropriations for salaries even another five per cent in order to boost the salary increases from 15 to 20 per cent, an additional \$1,000,000 in revenue will be required. It is also agreed that other appropriations will probably be increased to an aggregate of \$1,000,000.

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## Congress Struggles On With Roosevelt's Security Proposals

### Upsets NRA Code



Decision of Alexander Akerman, U. S. district judge at Tampa, Fla. has put him in national spotlight. He held the NRA act unconstitutional in voiding a government application for an injunction seeking to compel Logan George, lumber dealer, to abide by NRA code. (Central Press)

## DRIVERS' LICENSE BILL, OF STRINGENT NATURE, IS READY

### Expected To Be Reported Favorably by Joint Committee on Roads Next Tuesday

## THIRTY DAYS GRACE ON TAGS IS DITCHED

### Another Effort Being Made To Reduce Cost of Licenses for Passenger Cars Not Expected To Get Anywhere, Because Highway Commission Needs Money

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Star-Walter Hotel, By C. A. PAUL.

Raleigh, Jan. 25.—A comprehensive drivers' license bill, to become effective immediately after its ratification by the General Assembly, has already been decided upon by the joint subcommittee on roads. Actual translation into legislative language of the bill is now being done by Charles Whedbee, legislative adviser to Governor Ehringhaus. It will be submitted to the roads committee as a whole next Tuesday morning and is expected to be adopted by virtually a unanimous vote.

"The bill as formulated by the subcommittee is free from frills or tricks," said Senator John Sprunt Hill, chairman of the subcommittee, but "is a comprehensive measure designed to fully cope with the situation. It is my belief that it will prove highly acceptable to the legislature."

The bill, which will be known as the "committee bill" when it reaches the floor of the General Assembly, because it is a combination of features included in various bills introduced, will doubtless go in effect at once after passage, will probably be withdrawn for a period of grace in which drivers who can show that they have been driving for six months or more and have not been arrested for violation of existing regulations may obtain without examination a driver's license. After the expiration of such period all applicants will, of course, be required to pass an examination.

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### Right of Children in Present Crisis Graphically Revealed to House Committee

### WORLD COURT ISSUE STILL WITH SENATE

### Morgenthau Seeks Legislation To Permit Additional Nine Billion Dollars Borrowing Power for Treasury; Secretary Perkins Opposes Pension Plan

Washington, Jan. 25 (AP)—The aged World Court issue and Treasury financing problems occupied the capital today as the administration's \$1,880,000,000 relief program started what may prove a torturous journey through the Senate.

Both Senate and House committees were occupied again with Mr. Roosevelt's security program. The House Ways and Means Committee received these startling figures on the child problem from Edwin E. Witte, director of the President's committee on economic security:

7,400,000 children under 15 who were on relief last year probably were the worst victims of the depression; states cared for 190,000 fatherless families with 280,000 children under ten, and the Federal government for 380,000 fatherless families, with 719,000 children under ten.

Secretary Perkins flatly opposed employee contributions to unemployment insurance before the Senate Finance Committee. She estimated the total jobless today at about 9,000,000, and again opposed the Townsend plan for \$200 a month pension for those over 60, even if it were limited to those in need.

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## Japanese Renew Air Raids Upon Towns In China

Peiping, China, Jan. 25.—(AP)—New Japanese air bombing raids into Chahar province, bringing death to 54 Chinese, were reported today by Chinese sources, indicating apparently a renewal of the Japanese attack.

Chinese military authorities stated that the Japanese fliers dropped three bombs into Tung-tze, killing 18 Chinese militiamen and five villagers.

The Chinese further alleged that the Japanese air raiders attacked Quyan, dropping three bombs there without casualties.

## Attacks On Sales Levy Are Futile

### Foes Getting Nowhere With Legislators; Whisky Levy Is Talked In Lieu

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Star-Walter Hotel, By C. A. PAUL.

Raleigh, Jan. 25.—A vigorous attack was launched against the sales tax by representatives of the Fair Tax Association and its friends in a hearing before the joint finance committee, but it was apparent that few members of the committee were impressed enough to change their attitude on the tax. It was also noted that the fair tax group presented no substitute for the sales tax, although several of their speakers, speaking apparently for themselves, suggested the legalization of whisky as a source of revenue.

The association, headed by J. Paul (Continued on Page Three)

### Denies Ever Seeing Lindbergh Baby, Dead or Alive



Bruno Hauptmann

## Cold Wave Appears To Be On Wane

### But Deaths, Many in South, Grow; Relief Is In Sight For The Time Being

(By the Associated Press.) The cold wave appeared to be breaking for the time being today, but the death list mounted steadily as the storm spent its fury along the Atlantic seaboard, and southern flood waters swirled destructively.

More than a score of the dead perished in the southern flood sector, which embraced parts of Mississippi, Tennessee and Arkansas. Twenty-five of the fatalities occurred in Mississippi, four in Tennessee and one in Arkansas. Red Cross officials feared an even larger loss of life would be disclosed later. Estimates placed the homeless at approximately 18,000 persons.

Bitter cold still prevailed in the snow-bound east and New England, but the weather man saw indications

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## McNinch Is Okayed By Committee

Washington, Jan. 25.—(AP)—The Senate Interstate Commerce Committee today approved the appointment of Frank R. McNinch of North Carolina, as chairman of the Federal Power Commission. Action was taken in executive session, and no witnesses were heard.

North Carolina's two senators, Josiah William Bailey and Robert E. Reynolds, are opposed to McNinch. Bailey has announced he will carry the fight to the Senate floor.

McNinch was appointed to the power commission by President Hoover, and was given a recess appointment last summer by President Roosevelt, who elevated him to chairman.

He was the anti-Smith leader in North Carolina in 1905.

## Legislature Called On For \$500,000 To Build Tuberculosis Hospital

### Another Bill Would Pension Teachers Over 60 Who Have Taught in State 30 Years; Another Measure Offered To Cut License Charge for Automobiles

Raleigh, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Representatives Raspberry of Greene, and Clegg of Moore, introduced a bill in the House today to appropriate \$500,000 to be used for construction of a Western North Carolina sanatorium for the treatment of tuberculosis.

Representative Houser, of Forsyth, offered a bill to provide pensions for teachers disabled so they cannot teach, if they are more than 60 years old, and have taught in the State for 30 years. They would be paid \$25 per month from the appropriation for pensions.

House of Lenior, sent in a bill to empower guardians with the approval

of clerks of superior courts and restitutive judges to operate firms, businesses, etc., for their wards.

A measure to compel insurance companies to write compensation policies for industrial plants of three members if the compensation rating and inspection bureau have ruled that the application is made in good faith on a sound risk, was offered by Gardner, of Cleveland.

The Senate held a perfunctory session today, received another bill to reduce automobile license fees and adjourned to consider only local business.

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## Farmer Seems Definitely On The Road To Recovery

### Babson Says Whole Farm Structure Is Gaining Strength; Cotton Exports Cut In Half; Carolinas Among States Placed In Excellent Trade Position

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Babson Park, Fla., Jan. 25.—The highlight of 1934 was the recovery on the farm. As a result of the drought, the American farmer finds himself better off today than at any time since 1930. The farm income of the country for 1934 totaled approximately \$8,000,000,000 compared with \$6,250,000,000 in 1933—an increase of about thirty per cent for the year. The improved financial position of the farmer today is one of the most promising factors in the business outlook for 1935. We cannot have prosperity in the factory without prosperity on the farm.

Farmer Held Spotlight in 1934

A year ago the agricultural problem was one of our major issues. 1934 opened with record supplies of some, and large excesses of practically all, farm products. Due to the 1934 drought, these supplies, in most cases were entirely wiped out and even shortages in certain commodities developed. The result has been "dollar"

wheat and correspondingly sharp gains in most other farm products' prices—the average advance being 29 per cent for the year. Hence, the farm picture today has changed entirely. The farmer is once again feeling happy for he has more cash in his pocket than at any time since the depression began.

While livestock and grain farmers have felt the improvement most, nearly all farmers are better off today than a year ago. The drought killed off thousands of dairy cattle and created a shortage of feed, thus cutting into milk supplies. Dairy prices to date have been less sensitive to the drought than feed prices. Hence, in some cases the advance in the latter has more than offset better returns for milk, butter and cheese. Consumption, however, is increasing and prices are creeping upward. As time goes on the maladjustments will be ironed out. Higher feed prices have also influenced the poultry picture by substantially re-

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## NEVER SAW CHILD DEAD OR ALIVE, IS CLAIM OF GERMAN

### Denies Every Step of State's Case From Stealing of Baby To Collecting Ransom

### SAYS MONEY GIVEN TO HIM BY FISCH

### Lay in Closet in His Home From December, 1933, to August, 1934, Before He Knew It Contained Money, He Says; Denies Giving Bill At Theatre

Flemington, N. J., Jan. 25.—(AP)—A guttural but crisp "I did not!" was hurled today by Bruno Richard Hauptmann to every detail of the State's charge that he kidnaped, murdered and collected ransom for Baby Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr.

"I never saw the Lindbergh Baby alive or dead!" he declared.

He denied each and every step of the State's case—the stealing of the child, its murder, the writing of the ransom notes, the construction of the kidnap ladder, the handling of the baby's sleeping suit or the collection of the ransom suit from Dr. John F. "Jafie" Condon.

He met the one point he could not deny—possession of \$14,600 of the \$50,000 ransom money in his garage—by saying it was left with him in a shoe box by the dead Isadore Fisch, and that it lay in a closet in his home from December, 1933, until August, 1934, before he discovered it contained money.

He had not completed his direct testimony at the luncheon recess, and just before that time he denied that he had paid for a theatre ticket with a ransom bill on November 16, 1933—a date prior to the date on which he said Fisch gave him the money.

He had been so identified by a theatre cashier.

"I was never in that theatre in my life," he said.

He said the box given him by Fisch lay in a closet through which rain leaked, and that it was accidentally broken apart when he struck it with a broom. It was then, he said, he discovered it contained money.

## Hauptmann Grave, Tense As Witness

### First He Knew of Kidnaping Was When He Read It In Paper, He States

Flemington, N. J., Jan. 25.—(AP)—Bruno Richard Hauptmann denied flatly on the witness stand today that he kidnaped and murdered Baby Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr.

He denied that he had ever been on the Lindbergh estate or even in Hopewell, N. J., and said that Isadore Fisch, the dead German furrier, was the owner of the Lindbergh ransom money found in his Bronx garage.

The solemn-faced German carpenter was grave and tense for his second day before the jury. A great throng packed the court room to hear him. He shot nervous glances around, but appeared mostly pre-occupied with his own thoughts.

"He's vulnerable," Attorney Gen-

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## WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair and warmer tonight and Saturday.

FOR HENDERSON. For 24-hour period ending noon today: Highest temperature, 33; lowest, 12; no rain; north wind; hazy.