

## GRANDMOTHER MORROW IS REBUTTAL WITNESS

### JAPAN THINKS PLANS ON HAWAII AIR BASE AIMED AT HER OFFER

Tokyo Had Suggested New Pacific Agreement On Fortifications In That Region

CONGRESS MAY GET BILL VERY SHORTLY

Proposal Discussed At Secret Meeting of House Military Affairs Committee on Friday; New Base In Island Possessions Would Cost \$11,000,000

Washington, Feb. 9 (AP)—There were indications from congressmen today that the proposal to build an \$11,000,000 army air base in Hawaii may soon find its way to the House in bill form.

A suggestion to establish such a military army in the United States' southernmost point of defense in the Pacific, was discussed in secret meeting yesterday by the House Military Committee.

Chairman McSwain, Democrat, South Carolina, emphasized that any action taken by the committee on the proposal would be "for defensive purposes" and it would have been considered, even if Japan had not taken steps to scrap the Washington naval treaty.

### Navy Man Quizzed



Naval Court of Inquiry will investigate charge that Comdr. Ralph D. Weyerbacher (above) offered his services to a commercial aircraft manufacturer. A letter attributed to Weyerbacher and introduced in Senate munitions inquiry caused probe to be ordered.

(Central Press)

### Schoolbook Rentals At Big Saving

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Raleigh, Feb. 9.—The bill to provide rental textbooks for all the school children of the State, introduced by Senators L. L. Gravely, of Nash, and L. E. Griffin, of Chowan, and now before the Senate Committee on Education, is expected to provide more financial relief to the children and parents of the State than any measure yet introduced this session or likely to be introduced, in the opinion of the introducers and many others in the General Assembly.

A rental textbook plan will save the parents and children not less than \$4,500,000 a year, as compared with the present cost of textbooks and supplies bought outright by children and parents, if the average outlay for books and supplies at present as much as \$10 per year child, Charles Whedbee, legislative counselor to Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus, who wrote the bill at the request of Senators Gravely and Griffin, estimates that the cost of books and supplies is nearer \$20 a year per pupil rather than \$10 per pupil and that as a result the cost of books and supplies for 900,000 children is nearer \$18,000,000 a year instead of \$9,000,000 a year.

These same books can be rented to the children of the State under a Statewide rental plan for an average rental of \$5 per child per year, Whedbee believes, which would be a total cost of \$4,500,000 a year and thus bring about a saving of \$13,500,000 a year.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 9 (AP)—General Walker B. Freeman, honorary commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, and one of the few remaining Confederate veterans who enlisted in 1861 for service for the whole period of the War Between the States died today. He was in his 92nd year.

### 27 Members Of Assembly At Meeting

Saturday Session Is Marked by Wake Bill for Hospital Care Expenditures

Raleigh, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Twenty-six of the 170 members of the State legislature met at the 15 minutes Senate session and the 12 minutes House meeting today. In the House, Representative Cherry, of Gaston, presided. Johnson, of Pender, and in the Senate, Senator Williams, of Yadkin, filled the post.

Representatives Michell, Douglas and Thompson, of Wake, offered two bills to amend the health laws so as to contract with hospitals for the medical care of the sick and afflicted. Yearly expenditures would be limited to \$10,000 per county or city.

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### GOLD DECISION TO COME NEXT MONDAY OBSERVERS THINK

Supreme Court Met In Regular Saturday Conference In Capitol Basement

CONFERENCE WATCHED CLOSELY FOR WORD

Officials Feel If Decision Is Given Today After Stock Exchanges Close Government Will Have Time To Act Before They Re-Open Next Monday

Washington, Feb. 9.—(AP)—The long suspense over the gold clause cases appeared to be near an end today as all source indication lead observers to believe that the Supreme Court would announce its decision Monday.

The regular Saturday conference of the justices this afternoon in a basement room of the Capitol was watched closely in the hope that Chief Justice Hughes might emerge with definite word of a decision date.

There was no expectation in informed circles that the opinion itself might be announced today. Late yesterday, the court adjourned over the week-end. It may change its mind and meet in formal session today but there had been no sign that an administration official's recent advocacy of such procedure appeal to the tribunal. The officials felt that if the gold cases were decided on Saturday after the stock exchanges closed, it would give the government more time to take any action deemed necessary.

The demand for seats in the court room Monday is fully as great as it was a week ago before Chief Justice Hughes made his unprecedented announcement that it would not be handed down Monday.

### AAA PREPARING AID FOR SMALL GROWER

Washington, Feb. 9 (AP)—The AAA is preparing, an authoritative source said today to carry out President Roosevelt's promises to small cotton growers that proved production up to two bales will be exceeded from limitations on the Bankhead bill.

### LAND PLAN MARKS POPULATION TREND

Increase in People Here Shortly To Reach Stationary Point

By CHARLES P. STEWART, Central Press Staff Writer. Washington, Feb. 9.—President Roosevelt's land plan takes into consideration an American population tendency for which few scientists have made the slightest allowance in their search for causes of the depression of the last five years.

Yet it looks as if it were a mighty important consideration. Increase of population is slowing down. There still is some increase, but with each succeeding year, there is a shrinkage in the annual percentage of increase.

Professor Oliver E. Baker of the agriculture department's bureau of economics, the country's foremost authority on the subject, estimates that by 1960, or only 25 years hence, America's population will arrive at constant of about 139 millions; therefore the death rate will equal the birth rate.

READJUSTMENT NECESSARY. This will be all right, says Professor...

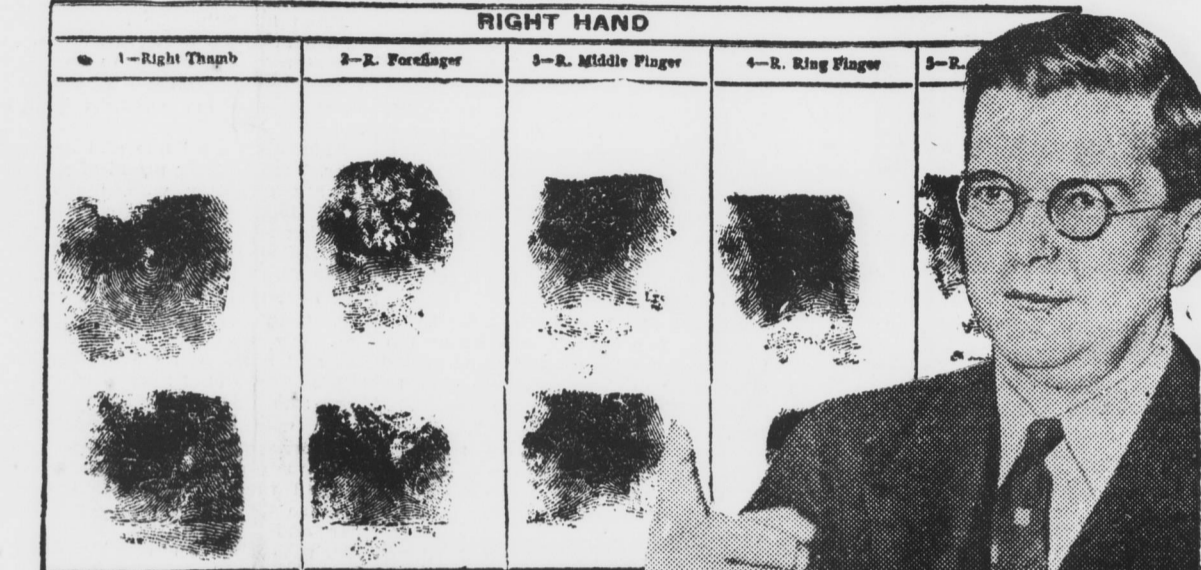
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### 10 Negroes Killed In Texas Tornado

Gateland, Texas, Feb. 9 (AP)—Ten Negroes were killed and 40 were injured last night when an east Texas tornado wrecked the community on the Muray farm near this city. Thirty one tenant houses were razed.

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### Hauptmann's Fingerprints, Which He Didn't Find



Actual finger prints of Bruno Richard Hauptmann, which E. M. Hudson (right), noted fingerprint expert, testified he didn't find among 500 prints developed on Lindbergh kidnap ladder, thereby bolstering the wobbly Hauptmann defense.

### Sales Levy Substitutes Are Opposed

Farmers and Labor Bitter Against Three Percent Tax on Gross Income

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

Raleigh, Feb. 9.—Much opposition is already developing to many of the plans which the anti-sales tax group has indicated it will propose in place of the sales tax and some members of this group are already hearing from their constituents back home in vigorous protest to some of the substitute plans it was learned here today.

Strong reaction has already set in against the proposal to impose a three per cent tax on all gross incomes of individuals in excess of \$1,000 a year, which was under consideration by

### CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY SOUGHT

Would Lead Way Out of Present Muddle, Prominent Legislator Says

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, Feb. 9.—Classification of property is being seriously considered by a prominent legislator who sees in it a way out of the tax muddle. The North Carolina Constitution would have to be amended in order to put in effect classification of property as basis for collection of revenue.

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### Wake Negro Given 14-Year Term For Assault Attempt

Raleigh, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Garland Walker, 27-year-old Wake county Negro ex-convict today was sentenced to serve from 14 to 15 years in State's Prison following his conviction of attempted criminal assault on a young white matron.

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### Legislative Week Ends With Many Major Bills Thrown In The Hopper

Sales Tax Substitute and Hill's Liquor Proposal Chief Matters Next Week; Demands for Higher Salaries Outstanding Events of Past Week

Raleigh, Feb. 9 (AP)—A legislative week that saw bee-hive activity by major committees and introduction of many important measures in the General Assembly proper ended today as brief, profunatory sessions were held in both the Senate and House.

Solons at home during the week-end will unquestionably sound out their constituents on vital matters booked for next week, including proposals for taxation substitutes for the general sales tax and the over-controversial liquor question.

Representatives McDonald, of Forsyth, and Lumpkin, of Franklin have announced they will submit substitute tax proposals Tuesday to the joint finance committee and there is every indication a battle of no mean proportions will result. Chairman of the group, Senator Harris Newman and

### Brains Of Anti-Sales Tax Named

Who Compose the self-appointed "brain trust" which has been supplying the brains and ideas for the McDonald-Lumpkin anti sales tax group in the General Assembly? It has been evident for several weeks that Dr. Ralph McDonald, the ex-college professor from Winston-Salem, who started off like a skyrocket, is now playing only third or fourth fiddle in the anti-sales tax group despite the fact that at one time he appeared to be the orchestra conductor, many observers here now agree. Nor is it believed that Representative W. L. Lumpkin, of Franklin county, is doing very much of the brain work, although he is permitted

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### Whisky Bill Will Easily Pass Senate

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, Feb. 9.—"The liquor control bill will pass the Senate easily," says Senator John Sprunt Hill, introducer of the measure and one time great contributor to prohibition forces. "It will get the approval of between 30 and 40 of the 50 senators. The bill is favored by drys, but we are not blind drys. We recognize the seriousness of the present liquor situation and we know that existing conditions must be changed. Of course, I know the attitude of the confirmed drys. Once

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### FOES OF SALES TAX ARE BADLY DIVIDED

At Odds on Line of Attack As Reason for Delays in Their Plans

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, Feb. 9.—A difference of opinion among prominent anti-sales taxers is responsible for the indecision and rumors surrounding the sales tax substitutes. Some leaders have swung around to the view that they should present the substitutes now. That opinion was voiced on the floor of the lower house by Representative Willie Lee Lumpkin when he urged those who have substitute plans to present them now.

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### TESTIMONY SOUGHT TO CLEAR SUICIDED MAID IN HER HOME

Violet Sharp Had Been Insinuated by Defense In Connection With Kidnaping

MORE EVIDENCE HAD ON KIDNAP LADDER

State Trooper Seeks To Rebut Defense Testimony Intended To Cast Doubt On That Part of Evidence; Mrs. Lindbergh Accompanies Mother into Court

Flemington, N. J., Feb. 9.—(AP)—Testimony came to an end today in the trial of Bruno Richard Hauptmann for the kidnap-murder of Baby Charles L. Lindbergh, Jr., with the baby's grandmother, Mrs. Dwight Morrow, giving testimony to clear away defense insinuations against her maid, Violet Sharp.

Mrs. Morrow was a rebuttal witness for the State. The defense offered no sur-rebuttal.

Flemington, N. J., Feb. 9 (AP)—Anne Morrow Lindbergh came back to court today with her mother, Mrs. Dwight W. Morrow, who was called as a rebuttal witness for the State in the trial of Bruno Richard Hauptmann.

It was the first appearance of the bereaved young mother since she testified on the second day of the trial. The two women—mother and grand mother of the kidnaped and slain baby Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr., slipped in quietly after court opened for the 29th day of the trial.

Louis Bormann, a New Jersey State trooper, was on the stand to rebut defense witnesses whose testimony was offered to cast doubt upon the State's ladder evidence against Hauptmann.

Mrs. Morrow's testimony was sought by the State to rebut defense insinuations involving her late maid, Violet Sharp, who committed suicide just before she was to be questioned the fourth time in connection with the investigation.

Defense used two witnesses, who said they saw her, or a woman resembling her, on the night of the kidnaping, March 1, 1932. One said she carried a gray blanket and was near a Yonkers, N. Y., ferry early in the evening, before the time of the crime, and another said he saw a woman resembling her carrying a baby wrapped in a blanket and being assisted onto a street car by a man who resembled the late Isador Fisch. This incident was alleged to have taken place later in the early hours of the next morning.

Bormann's rebuttal testimony attacked the testimony of an expert witness who qualified as an expert, and said that an attic board in evidence showed no tool marks which would have been present if the board was ripped from the joists.

The trooper said he pulled the board up with his bare hands. He also identified nails taken from it and they were put into evidence. The defense

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### Elopement Of Society Bride Ends Sees Her Lawyer and Asks Annulment Or Divorce From Chauffeur

Washington, Feb. 9.—(AP)—A case of "act in haste and repent at leisure" was how the "disillusioned" Mrs. Jane Cooke Scarlett described her recent elopement with the family chauffeur when she called on an attorney to discuss an annulment or ad divorce. The 20-year-old society bride of two weeks remained in hiding today after she disappeared Thursday with her husband, George S. Scarlett, was being cleared in police court of charges that he made off with \$500 worth of jewelry belonging to his mother-in-law.

The bride left a note containing the wedding ring Scarlett had given her. Another message to an aunt warned she "Would never return to Washington."