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# WORK-RELIEF TO HIT PEAK BY MID-NOVEMI

Five Prison Officials Are Held In Mecklenburg County Inquiry

### DECISION IS MADE BY JUDGE PHILLIPS AS EVIDENCE ENDS

All Put Under \$1,000 Bond for Superior Court Trial May 11 To Be at Charlotte

ASSAULT IN INTENT TO KILL IS ALLEGED

Additional \$200 Bond Fixed for Trial in County Recorder's Court on Charges of Simple Assault on Two Other Prisoners They Whipped

Charlotte April 10.-(AP) -Five former prison officials today were ordered held for trial on charges grow ing out of the whipping and maiming of Negro convicts at State chaingang camps in this county.

Concluding a three-day hearing, during which he sat as a committing magistrate, Superior Court Judge Don Phillips announced his aecision immediately after argument of counsel losed an investigation which was be gun several weeks ago by several State agencies. Henry Little, prison camp superintendent, and three of his guards, R. C. Rape, J. W. Eudy and M. Gordon, were placed under \$1, 000 bond for their appearance in superior court May 11 to answer charges of assault with intent to kill Robert Barnes and Woodrow Wilson Shropshire, 19-year-old Negroes who lost their feet after being chained stand. ing on a concrete floor in an unheated solitary cell during the dead of winter. Also under \$1,000 bond in the same case was Dr. C. S. McLaukhlin. for 30 years county physician and prison camp attendant.

In addition. Little and the three guards were placed under \$200 bond for trial in county recorder's court on charges of simple assault on Ed

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#### Won't Undertake Gag Rule Program On Security Bills

Washington April 10 .-- (AP)---House Ways and Means Committee Demo crats today abandoned their attempt to demand consideration of the social security program under a gag rule forbidding amendments. They reached that decision after a special attempt had been made to get President-Roosevelt to endorse every provision of the measure so that it could be protected against amendments on the

Instead of recommending a gag rule ways and means Democrats decided to go before the rules committee with a request for a special resolution making the bill in order and doing anything else the rules commit-

#### House Votes | Mother, 4 Children Abolishment Bank Board

#### Barely Halted In Going on Third Reading; Guest House License Argued

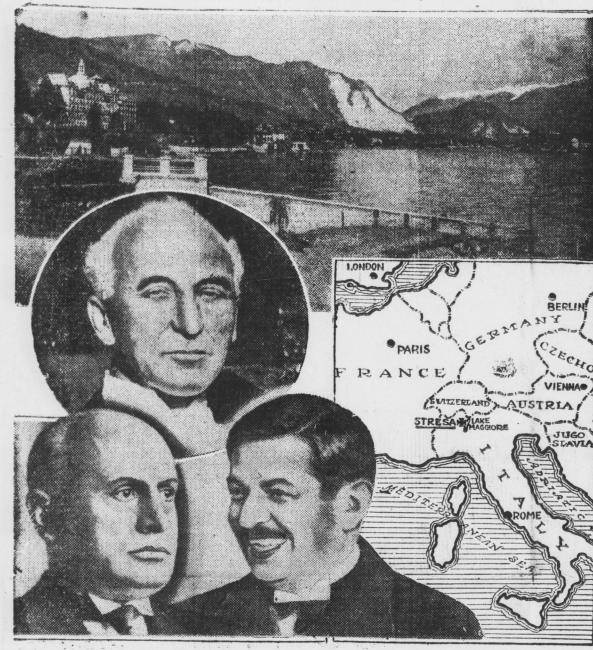
Raleigh, April 10 .- (AP) - Wilkes county local politics and a controversy over license taxes on notels, boarding houses and restaurants tied the Sei ate into a knot today and prevented further consideration of the three percent retil sales tax in the biennial revenue bill.

The House got a new bill to prevent the so-called "stretchout" in textile plants, and worked slowly on its public bills calendar after passing a number of local bills.

A surprising victory was gained by Representative Stone, of Rockinghma, when the House passed on see-

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Where European Peace Parley Will Be Held



New photo (top) of Stresa, picturesque Italian small town where Sir John Simon (top), British foreign minister, Benito Mussolini (left), Italian premier, and Pierre Laval (center), French foreign minister, will meet April 11 for conversations upon which peace of Europe may depend. In background is the him toric Bella Island, fronting the town in Lake Maggiore,

#### Relief Funds Cannot Be **Used To Replace Cotton** Process Tax, F.D.R. Says

If Levy Is Removed, Other Funds Must Be Found To Replace It, President Says; Proponents of Textile Tax Come To Rescue in Congress

dent Rosevelt said today that if the' cotton processing tax were removed, some means must be found for providing funds in its place. In response to inquiry at his press

conference, the President said he had heard no suggestions as to where the funds would be found if the processng tax was eliminated.

He added the money could not come from the \$4,000,000,000 appropriation just enacted, because this money was

Are Slain-In Home

Philadelphia, April 10.-(AP)-

A mother and four of her children

were found shot and stabbed to

death today in their South Phila-

delphia home. Police said a man badly wounded also was found in

the house. The discovery was made

shortly after noon. Police said the

man found in the house, probably

a relative of the family had tried to commit suicide. The children

ranged in age from 14 to 19 years.

Third Seriously Wounded;

Overtaken by Posse Aft-

er Escaping

Camden, S. C., April 10 (AP)-Two

escaped convicts were killed and a

by a posse which cornered them after

Washington April 10.-(AP)-Presi- for relief. The work-relief bill contained an amendment by Senator George, Democrat, Georgia, providing that benefit payments to farmers could be made

> PROPONENTS OF COTTON TAX RALLYING TO ITS SUPPORT Washington, April 10 .- (AP)-Indications that proponents of the cotton

out of the funds.

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One Dead, Dozen Injured at Weymouth, Mass., In Strange Explosion

Weymouth, Mass., April 10.-(AP) One man was killed and more than a dozen were injured, four seriously, in an explosion and fire which wrecked a four-store business block in Washington Square, Weymouth's Landing and shattered windows in 38 establishments within a half mile radius today. Deputy State Fire Marshal John Rierdon estimated damage of \$500,000.

The dead man was identified as Joseph Brown, 51, of Weymouth, father of six children, and manager of a chain grocery store. Four of six persons taken to the city and Weymouth hospitals, including two firemen, were on the danger list.

One of the firemen was not expected to live. Others injured, occupants third seriously wounded early today of a nearby business and apartment dwelling, were treated for minor hurts banding of the Iowa chapter on after their had been blasted from their beds by the explosion.

Carries Names of All New Members in Each of the 100 Counties

VANCE MEN INCLUDED

R. F. Thompson, C. E. Greene and E. R. Boyd Listed for Approval By General Assembly When Passage Is Asked

In the Sir Walter Hotel,

Baily Dispatch Bureau, Raleigh, April 9.—The bill which appoints the members of the county poards of education in the 100 counties of the State, known as the regular biennial omnibus board of education bill, was introduced in the House Tuesday afternoon by Representative R. L. Harris, chairman of he House Committee on Education, and is now on the House calendar.

The members of the House were asked to study the bill and make sure hat the names of those proposed for nembership on the county boards of education are correct so that if any changes are necessary they can be made before the bill is finally enacted. For after this bill has been enacted, no further changes can be made in the personnel of the county boards

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## Iowa 'Frat' Might Face

Iowa City, April 10.—(AP)—An ultimatum demanding a clean up of student morals with a grand jury inquiry the penalty for non-compliance. confronted University of Iowa offi-

The threat of the grand jury action came from County Attorney A. E. Baldwin and followed indefinite suspension of 23 members of the Phia Beta Delta fraternity and the dis-

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### Franco-Soviet Pact Is Surprise To Diplomats Seeking Europe Safety

Mutual Defense Agreement Unexpectedly Sudden; Explained by Participants as 'Secondary Check Against War' If Peace System Should Fail

(By the Associated Press) expected suddenness to diplomats pre-

toward establishment of a pan-European security system. The Franco-Russian agreement was war in case the proposed pan-European system fails to designate the

'aggressor" nation in the event of

ment between France and Russia was The announcement of an agreement announced, Russia concluded a bibetween France and Soviet Russia and Russian commentators said that lateral trade treaty with Germany, for mutual defens ecame with un- this suggested it might be necessary for eastern European nations to make paring for opening of conferences their "own deals." Thursday at Stresa, Italy, directed

Sir John Simon, the British foreign secretary, informed Robert W. Bingham, the United States ambassador that Great Britain was goin ginto the explained as a secondary check against Stresa conference with an open mind. The Italian government which with the French and British, completes the Stresa conferees, indicated it was determined the conference would take Even as the bi-lateral military agree- definite action.

#### Seeks Easing Of New Law On Slot Machines

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, BY C. A. PAUL.

Raleigh, April 10-Advocates of loosening the stringent provisions of the anti-slot machine law passed by the present legislature made a strategic move when they introduced, just as the House session was rapidly approaching adjournment, a bill which would permit the re-establishment of games. Pin games are played on tables which have nails, tacks or other devices which guide or bar the progress of marbles shot into such ables. Most such games are of the nickle-in-the-slot variety. Representative Alspaugh, of Forsy-

h, offered the measure, which would

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#### Miss Perkins To Seek To Prevent

Washington, April 10.—(AP)— Secretary Perkins said today that President Roosevelt had directed her to try to avert the threatened Akron, Ohio, rubber strike. Miss Perkins told reporters that she had discussed the situation with Mr. Roosevelt last night, and already had had some conferences regarding it in New York. What her next step would be she de. clined to disclose.

#### Governor Is Angered By Rise In Gas

State Contract and May Effect Filling Station Tax.

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, BY J. C. BASKERVILL. Raleigh, April 10.-The big gasoline and oil companies doing business in North Carolina did not help themselves any in their effort to prevent the General Assembly from imposing the proposed chain filling station tax on them when they increased the price of gasoline generally over the State seven-tenths of a cent a gallon on the eve of the State's letting a new

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FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday; somewhat warmer Thursday, probably light frost in central and west portions tonight

## Harnessing Tides



A \$30,000,000 PWA allotment will speed work of harnessing tidepower rolled up by 27-foot Bay of Fundy tides in Passamaquoddy Bay, Maine (indicated in map). Project has been considered for years.

(Central Press)

#### Neutrality Rubber Walk-Out Plan To Be Talked Over

#### Roosevelt and Hull of the Weather Bureau here. For Nation In Times feet. of War

Washington, April 10.—(AP)— A new neutrality plan for the United States in the event of a future war will be discussed by President Roosevelt and Secretary Hull at a conference arranged for this afternoon.

In his first press interview in a couple of weeks, Mr. Roosevelt smiled away questions of the neutrality plan Increase on Eve of or upon the attitude of this government to the European situation.

facts spoke for themselves, so far as the position of this government was concerned, toward the European crisis
Mr. Roosevelt so far has declined intervention in the troubles of the Old World except to re-state what he terms as the American policy of being a good neighbor.

Members of the Senate, meanwhile, studied informally bills introduced yesterday by Senators Nye, Repub-

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#### 30 MILLIONS MAIL FRAUD INDICTMENT

Chicago, April 10.-(AP)- An indictment charging use of the mails in a \$30,000,000 scheme to defraud was returned today a-gainst six former officials of the Trustees Systems Service Corporation by a Federal grand jury before Judge Phillip L. Sullivan. The indictment contained 15 counts, each of which carries with it a maximum penalty of five years imprisonment and \$1,000

## PRESENF AGENCIES TO DIRECT BIG JOB,

President Forecasts Achieve. ment of Full Swing Operations by Early Fall

WILL SPEND FAST AS IT IS POSSIBLE

Money Will Be Used In Areas Where Workers Live; Seek To Deal Directly in Making Jobs Rather Than Using Contractural System

Washington, April 10.—(AP)—President Roosevelt said today that the major part of the \$4,880,000,000 work, relief undertaking would be carried out by existing government agencies. Discussing the big program at his regular press conference today, Mr. Roosevelt said it was hoped to have the work-relief drive at its peak of operations by the middle of Novem-

Sun-tanned and smiling before & large group of newsmen, Mr. Roose-velt forecast this achievement, despite the delay in getting the legislation from Congress.

He said there might be some boards or committees to tie in the various government agencies, but no strict

rule has yet been laid down. The President intends to spend all that is possible or that is necessary before July 1, 1936.

It was described as the objective to spend the funds in areas where the unemployed reside to avoid necessity of unnecessity expenditures in providing new homes for workers taken away from their residences. So far as possible, the administration tion will seek to deal directly in make ing jobs rather than in employing the

#### Four Rivers Are In Flood Stages In East Carolina

contractural system.

Raleigh, April 10 (AP)-Four Eastern North Carolina rivers were in slight flood today, but the swirling muddy waters were doing little dam-

The tar river, except in its lower reaches, was still in its banks, but a flood warning was for a depth of 18 feet or slightly above was issued for Tarboro by Lee A. Denson, in charge

Denson said the Cape Fear reach-To Discuss Policy day and started falling, with a depth this morning at Elizabethtown of 24.2 The water has about reached a stand at Elizabethtown, where it is out of the banks.

The Neuse was at 13.6 feet at Smithfield this morning, overflowing and a slight further rise is in prospect there. The Roanoke at Weldon had reached 36.2 feet this morning and was ris-

#### Sentence Of nent to the European situation. There was an intimation that the For Sentell

Cleveland Man Loses Appeal in High Court; Gives Hope to Chatham Man

Raleigh, April 10.—(AP)—The State Supreme Court today decided 27 cases pholding a death sentence imposed n Cleveland county on Lewis Sentell and arresting judgment in the case of Harry Baxter, sentenced to die in

Chatham county. Sentell's appeal was dismissed, as it ad not been perfected. He had been convicted of the murder of Mrs. William Drake. The court acted after it had failed to discover any error "on the face of the record." Under State law he will be electricuted April 23

unless he receives clem