

## UTILITY MAGNATE DARES SENATE LOBBY COMMITTEE

### Ethiopian Troops Are Concentrated On Italian Border

Selassie Prepares for Quick Southward Drive If Italy Invades From the North

MUSSOLINI CALLS MORE OF SOLDIERS

Continues Preparations For War in Africa In Indifference To Gathering in Paris Seeking To Prevent Hostilities; Three Classes Are Called Out

Geneva, Aug. 14.—(AP)—Charging that Italy is preparing to massacre a peaceful people Ethiopia today protested to the League of Nations that she is unable to purchase arms abroad to defend her soil.

Djibouti, French Somaliland, Aug. 14.—Emperor Haile Selassie has dispatched 60,000 troops to positions behind Ethiopia's eastern border, preparatory for a quick southward drive on Italian Somaliland in the event Italy invades his kingdom.

The troops will be concentrated in the Harrar region, it was learned today. Below the Djibouti-Addis Ababa line it is the native district of the troops composing this force.

Thus placed, they can quickly be moved to Ogaden, the Ethiopian district on the frontier or French Somaliland.

Ethiopian war leaders anticipate an Italian advance from Eritrea toward Addis Ababa to the north of Addis Ababa. Such a movement would be counteracted by the Ethiopian advance to the south, it was pointed out.

The exodus of foreigners from Addis Ababa has poured many Europeans into this port city. Among them are Italians, some of whom immediately volunteered for service with the Duce's troops in Eritrea.

German and British nationals in Ethiopia have been instructed by their governments to prepare inventories of their properties and be prepared to leave the country on short notice.

The orders were attributed to the growing apprehension of these governments that diplomatic negotiations for settlement of the Italo-Ethiopian conflict may fail.

MORE MEN ARE CALLED TO THE COLORS BY MUSSOLINI

Rome, Aug. 14.—(AP)—Italy called to arms today another extensive group of officers and soldiers as the government, indifferent to the tripartite conference in Paris, continued its preparations for war in East Africa.

The new order recalled to service those members of the classes of 1911.

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### Very Bright Outlook For State Crops

Tobacco Has Ripened Too Fast But Crop Is Good; Corn, Fruits Very Good

Raleigh, Aug. 14.—(AP)—Unusually bright crop prospects existed in North Carolina on August 13 with yield indications 12 percent better than the ten-year average, and with tobacco and corn leading the list. Federal-State crop reports showed today.

A tobacco crop of 511,810,000 pounds was indicated as compared with 417,975,000 last year, and a five-year average of 458,326,000 pounds.

"Tobacco has ripened too, speedily as a result of the recent hot and dry weather," the report said. "Plants have more leaves than for many years. Growers claim the demand is for bright leaf. This means thinner or lighter weight, as well as color, so more leaves and 'tops' were left. The reported condition is 13 percent better than the ten-year average.

The corn crop prospect was "the best in many years," with production of 45,320,000 bushels indicated.

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### Family On Relief



Rep. Frank E. Hook

Member of Congress from Michigan at \$10,000 a year, Rep. Frank E. Hook of Ironwood readily admitted his father, mother and four brothers had been on relief rolls. "I supported them all my life and I do not intend to do it again while other people are receiving relief," says the solon, who asks investigation of welfare conditions in his district.

(Central Press)

### Paris Meet Anxious To Keep Peace

### Fear War In Africa Might Arouse Latent Race Hatreds Throughout World

Paris, Aug. 14.—(AP)—Premier Laval, of France and Anthony Eden, British minister for League of Nations affairs, played their first cards today in their negotiations to give Premier Mussolini of Italy what he wants by peace instead of war.

Two threats hung over the momentous conversations which Eden engaged in at the foreign ministry.

First was a war in Africa with its danger of arousing race hatreds throughout the world. The second was Eden's rumored intention of announcing that Great Britain would wash her hands of the proposed European peace system if Italy conquers Ethiopia.

Six diplomats began an exchange of views, which French officials said may in a few weeks decide whether there shall be continued peace or a war that may further disturb the whole troubled European situation.

### DR. L. C. PERISHO, OF GUILFORD, IS DEAD

Greensboro, Aug. 14.—(AP)—Dr. L. C. Perisho, widely known educator and writer, and for years a member of the Guilford College faculty died at his home at Guilford College late last night. He was 73 years old.

He was a native of Indiana, but had spent a large part of his active life at Guilford College.

### Death Toll 250 As Dam Collapses

Turin, Italy, Aug. 14 (AP)—Provincial officials stated today that about 250 persons were killed by the flood which followed the bursting of a hydro-electric plant dam at Ovada yesterday.

This estimate followed an original report by rescue agencies that 1,000 were killed and a later estimate of 100 dead.

The provincial authorities said that several hundred persons were suffering from injuries, shock and exposure as a result of the sudden torrent which covered 40 square miles.

### Japan's "Big Four" Lift Glasses to Nippon's "Der Tag"



The most powerful four men in Japan may be lifting their glasses to the day when Nippon's sway over all Asia will be as powerful as that over Manchukuo, as they drink with Hsieh Chief-Shih, new Manchukuo Ambassador to Tokyo (center). The other four, rarely photographed together, but declared to be the quartet dominating the Orient today, are (left to right) General Hayashi, war minister; Koki Horata, foreign minister; Admiral Keisuke Okada, premier; Admiral Mineo Osumi, naval minister.

(Central Press)

### MERCHANTS OPPOSE ANY MIDGET COINS

Almost 100 Percent Against Governor Proposal, Sec'y Dowell Says

### COMPLETES A SURVEY

Some Claim, However, Merchants Loath To Give Up Profits They Are Making on Levies for Sales Tax

Daily Dispatch Bureau, in the St.ewriter Hotel, BY J. C. BASKERVILLE.

Raleigh, Aug. 14.—The merchants of the State are almost 100 per cent opposed to the minting of fractional coins, such as half-cent pieces and mills, such as is now proposed in Congress. Willard L. Dowell, executive secretary of the North Carolina Merchants Association, said today.

Nor is this opposition based solely on the fact that the minting of these fractional coins would make it easier for the public to pay the sales tax and hence tend to perpetuate it, but on the trouble and expense the minting of these fractional coins would cause.

"I have just completed an intensive survey of the merchants of the State, in which questionnaires were submitted to thousands of merchants and in which I personally travelled more than 2,000 miles talking with merchants about the proposal," Dowell said. "And in the course of this survey and in my contact with merchants I was not able to find more than one merchant in 200 who thought the minting of these small coins would be of any help.

"The principal objection on the part of the merchants to these small coins is that they would completely upset all present accounting systems and accounting equipment, such as cash registers, adding machines, bookkeeping machines and so forth. It is impossible to estimate how many hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of these machines would

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### Still Higher Prices Given For Tobacco

Receipts Moderately Heavy As Better Grades of Leaf Come Upon Market

(By the Associated Press.) Tobacco prices on the border belt market today were slightly higher, with receipts moderately heavy, though curing is late in the North Carolina section of the belt.

Approximately 300,000 pounds were estimated to have been offered on the Lumberton market.

Extra heavy receipts were reported from the Dillon market, where the early sales were at an average of \$25 per hundred. Quality of the offerings was high, with more than 60 percent of better to best grades.

### Contempt Procedure On Gas Magnate Threatened By Senate Lobby Group

Hopson Is No Better To Appear for Questioning Than Any One Else, Senators Tell His Lawyer; Hopson Will Appear, by One Means or Another, They Say

Washington, Aug. 14.—(AP)—Contempt proceedings against Howard C. Hopson, long "master mind" of the Associated Gas and Electric System, were threatened today by Chairman Black of the Senate lobby committee.

"Hopson is coming before this committee," Black asserted to Hopson's attorney, William A. Hill, a witness before the committee. "He is no different from any other man."

Senator Schwelienbach, Democrat, Washington, had asked Hill whether Hopson was willing to appear now. "Without being cited for contempt," Black added. "If necessary, of course, we are going to take whatever steps are necessary to produce Mr. Hopson."

"There will be no agreement with any one as to what will be done and how he will be protected."

### PROCESSING TAXES UNDERLIE REVERSE

That Explains New Deal Defeat in Rhode Island District

By CHARLES P. STEWART Washington, Aug. 14.—The recent Rhode Island special election result has greatly revived Republican courage.

The G. O. P. has been so "smacked down" since its overwhelming congressional defeat last year that its spokesmen scarcely have had the heart even to predict gains by their party in 1936. Now they are claiming a great plenty. They hardly go so far as to assert with any confidence that President Roosevelt can be beaten. But they do predict, with undoubted sincerity, that if he succeeds himself, it will be with a badly damaged majority in Capitol Hill.

As to Rhode Island, to recapitulate: In 1924 the midget state chose Francis B. Condon for the house of representatives as a New Deal Democrat by about 21,000 plurality. Condon resigned to accept a judicial appointment. This necessitated the other day's special election, resulting in Charles F. Risk's victory as an anti-New Deal Republican by approximately 10,000 votes.

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### BANKHEAD EXPECTS 12c COTTON LOANS

Washington, Aug. 14 (AP)—Senator Bankhead, Democrat, Alabama, predicted today that the administration would announce a 12-cents loan on the incoming cotton crop by the end of this week.

### KNOX HAS G. O. P. PLATFORM DRAWN FROM DEMOCRATS

Potential Republican Nominee Offers Slate in Answer to Roosevelt Challenge

### CALLS PRESIDENT A RADICAL LEADER

Drastic Cut in Expenses, Balanced Budget, Sound Currency, Insurance System, Enforcement of Anti-Trust Laws and Free Agriculture Proposed

Hampton, N. H., Aug. 14 (AP)—Drawing from the 1932 Democratic platform for his material, Colonel Frank Knox, possible Republican presidential candidate in 1936, today outlined a party platform which he declared represented "the utter repudiation by Roosevelt and his New Deal administration of sacred promises."

Presenting the planks in answer to President Roosevelt's "reiterated demand for a substitute program," the Chicago and Manchester, N. H., newspaper publisher, recommended for adoption by his party a number of planks "taken literally from the Democratic platform of 1932."

"They represent the principles upon which all those opposed to the radicalism of President Roosevelt can support the Republican party," he declared.

Colonel Knox, in an address prepared for delivery before the annual outing of the Rockingham County Republican Club, suggested that the following planks be included in the next Republican platform:

1. An immediate and drastic reduction of governmental expenditures.
2. Maintenance of the national credit by a Federal budget annually balanced.
3. A sound currency to be preserved at all hazards.
4. Unemployment and old age insurance under state laws.
5. Strict and impartial enforcement of the anti-trust laws to prevent monopoly and unfair trade practices.
6. Opposition to the unsound policy of restricting agricultural production.

### Potato Control Is Approved by House By Huge Majority

Washington, Aug. 14.—(AP)—Production of control for potatoes the nation's fourth food crop, was approved by the House today by a 173 to 155 roll call vote.

The House agreed to the Senate amendment to the AAA bill classifying potatoes as a basic commodity, and authorizing the agriculture secretary to set up a production control plan.

### WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday; not much change in temperature.

### HOWARD C. HOPSON INVITES SENATE'S CONTEMPT ACTION

While Committee Waits His Failure To Appear, Senate Increases Its Authority

### HOPSON HAD DODGED FOR HEALTH'S SAKE

Roosevelt's \$250,000,000 Tax Bill, Re-Written, Is Up for Senate Consideration; The House Rejects Senate Amendments to New Alcohol Control Measure

Washington, Aug. 14.—(AP)—Howard C. Hopson, long missing "master mind" of the Associated Gas and Electric System, invited Senate contempt proceedings today by failing to report to a Senate subpoena to appear immediately before the Senate lobby committee.

After waiting more than an hour for the utilities magnate to appear on an "instant" subpoena, the committee announced it would meet again at 3 o'clock, and if he did not show up then it would cite him to the Senate for contempt.

Both Harry F. Sinclair, oil magnate, and William T. McCracken, former assistant secretary of commerce have served jail terms for contempt.

While the committee was waiting, a resolution to strengthen its power in questioning Hopson and others was approved by the Senate.

Joseph McCarthy, agent for the Senate lobby committee, was stiff-armed out of the way when he tried to serve a subpoena on Hopson as he left a rival House inquiry yesterday.

Hopson told the House Rules Committee he had evaded the other group as a matter of protecting his health.

The \$250,000,000 tax bill re-written to conform more nearly with President Roosevelt's recommendation, was up for Senate consideration.

The House turned down Senate amendments to the new alcohol control bill, and appointed members to seek adjustment of differences in conference with representatives of the other chamber.

Whether to permit bulk liquor sales, and whether to place the control ad-

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### SLASHES THROAT OF WIFE, CUTS HIMSELF

Edenton, Aug. 14.—(AP)—John Horne, former Edenton cotton mill worker early today nearly severed his wife's head from her body with a razor, and then turned the blade on himself, inflicting wounds in his throat not considered by physicians as dangerous.

### Price Girl Tells About Kidnap Day

Testifies in Johnston Court She Was Forced Into New York Dive

Smithfield, Aug. 14 (AP)—Camelia Price, who was 17 years old at the time of the alleged kidnaping, today related from the witness stand in Johnston County Superior Court her story of being forced by eight persons to go to New York for immoral purposes.

The young Price girl was the first Smithfield witness after a jury of 13 members, one an alternate, was completed in mid-morning for the second trial of the eight persons charged with conspiracy to kidnap four Johnston county girls and the actual kidnaping for immoral purposes of three of them.

The State charges that the Price girl, Orelia Barbour, 15, and Josephine Smith, 14, were actually kidnaped and taken to New York, and that the defendants also conspired to kidnap Lucille Wallace. The Wallace girl was a State's witness at the first trial, and a bill of indictment involving her case was returned yesterday.

Camelia testified she was forced on May 7, 1934, to go to New York with Sarah Krane. She said she was

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