

# ROGERS AND POST ARE KILLED IN ALASKA

## Guffey Coal Bill Stirs Bitter Controversy On Floor Of The House

### Mussolini's Demand May Make War Inevitable In Africa, Paris Now Fears

#### MINIMUM BASIS OF PRESERVING PEACE IS FOR OCCUPATION

Mussolini Wants To Keep Armed Force in Ethiopia To Enforce Any Concessions

#### LAVAL PRESSES FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTION

Expected To Seize Upon Mussolini's Terms as Starting Point for Negotiations He Hopes May Close Gap Between British and Italian Viewpoints

Paris, Aug. 16 (A)—Premier Mussolini's demand for Italian occupation of Ethiopia to enforce any concessions given Italy aroused fear today among the tri-partite conference representatives that they would be able to prevent war in East Africa. Armed occupation was Mussolini's minimum demand as presented to representatives of France, Great Britain and Italy in their conversations for settlement of the Italo-Ethiopian dispute. Premier Laval of France was expected to pierce on Mussolini's terms as a starting point for the negotia-

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### New Navy Parley In October Sought By Great Britain

London, Aug. 16 (AP)—The British government announced today it has invited the United States, Japan, France and Italy to a preliminary naval conference "about October."

### Kidnap Trial At Smithfield Moves At Slower Speed

Smithfield, Aug. 16—(AP)—The trial of eight persons charged with kidnaping three Johnston county girls and taking them to New York for immoral purposes moved slowly today as prosecution counsel was permitted to spend nearly two hours in conference with state witnesses. Solicitor C. C. Cassidy said he expected to complete the prosecution's case by noon, but at mid-day there still were 43 character witnesses on hand to take the stand if it was decided to use them.

### All Tobacco Goes Higher For The Day

Border Markets Also Experience Very Heavy Breaks For The Week-End

(By The Associated Press) Border belt tobacco markets reached the end of the week's sales today with prices for all grades turning higher. Sales were heavy. Over three-quarter million pounds were received at the airport market, and in early sales was being bid at prices ranging from four to 70 cents a pound. The average was expected

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#### CHIEF JUSTICE, WIFE ON HOLIDAY



Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes of the U. S. supreme court and Mrs. Hughes are shown as they strolled across the gangplank of the steamer Juniata at Duluth, completing a trip on the Great Lakes from Buffalo. They left immediately by motor for St. Paul to board a train for Yellowstone National park.

### Business Shows Big Gain Over Level Of Year Ago

Babson Is Very Optimistic Over Outlook For Fall Business; Points Out, However, That Foreign Trade Is Essential to Permanent Prosperity

By ROGER W. BABSON (Copyright 1935, Publisher Financial Bureau, Inc.) Babson Park, Mass., Aug. 16—All business reports for early August show improvement over July and an encouraging gain over August of last year. Again let me say that I am very optimistic over the outlook for business this fall. For the past two years consumer industries have been the mainstay of trade. Activity in the consumer group, however, is now being supported by revival in the heavy industries. This is the most important development since business started uphill in March, 1933. There is, however, still at least one fly in the ointment—namely, the

### EXPECT STATES TO PROVIDE PENSIONS

Must Cooperate With Uncle Sam's Aid to Aged or Be Left Behind

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Staff Writer Washington, D. C., Aug. 16—Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins probably is correct in her prediction that the states will fall readily into line with federal economic security legislation. They will have to, to have those states which may feel hesitant to escape being "soaked" for the benefit of the promptly acquiescent ones. National road building has demonstrated how the system works. The method has been for Uncle Sam to add \$1 of federal money to state \$1 appropriated by a given state for highway construction within

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### UTILITY BILL WAS FOUGHT ON THREAT

Connecticut Patrons of Associated Gas Told Rates Would Go Up

Washington, Aug. 16 (AP)—Evidence that citizens of Ridgefield, Conn., signed telegrams to congressmen against the utilities bill after an Associated Gas and Electric Company reader had told them that if they didn't do that the rate would be increased, was given to the Senate lobby committee today. The witness was Harry E. Full, who investigated for the committee 88 telegrams sent from that place to Senator Maloney, Democrat, Connecticut. Twenty-two were signed in response to the meter reader's assertion, he said. Full asserted that the consumers were also told by the meter reader that if they didn't sign he would lose his job.

### LITTLE NRA PLAN FOR SOFT COAL IS CALLED MYSTERY

Night Session Is Planned To Allow Time for Debate and Early Vote on Measure

### DEATHS OF ROGERS AND POST MOURNED

Leaders Pre-Occupied by Recollections of Cowboy Humorist on His Visits To Capitol; Further Testimony Brought Out At Utility Lobby Inquiry

Washington, Aug. 16 (AP)—A Congress saddened by the deaths of Will Rogers and Wiley Post worked fitfully today on the Guffey coal stabilization bill and other last-minute items on the Roosevelt legislative program. Leaders were pre-occupied with recollections of the cowboy humorist's many visits to the Capitol. Those at the Senate lobby inquiry heard testimony that citizens of a Connecticut town signed telegrams to congressmen against the holding company bill after an Associated Gas and Electric Company meter reader had told them rates would be increased if they didn't. Howard C. Hopson, utility magnate not so elusive as he was before the Senate cited him for contempt, prepared to tell the Senate investigators more about the fight against the holding company bill. One of the most bitter controversies of this session came to a head on the House floor. Debate began there on the Guffey bill to set up a "little NRA" for the soft coal industry. Representative Faddis, Democrat, Pennsylvania, said he thought "no more mysterious" legislation had come before the House. Representative Fuller protested successfully against the passing of pro-bill bitters to copies of the measure in the chamber. Leaders planned a night session, if necessary, to end the debate.

### COTTON CONSUMED SHOWS INCREASES

Washington, Aug. 16—(AP)—Cotton consumed during July was reported today by the Census Bureau to have totaled 391,771 bales of lint, and 63,137 bales of linters, compared to 385,946 and 61,395 during June this year, and 359,951 and 63,484 during July last year.

### NYE'S STATEMENT SIGNIFICANT ONE

Progressives Fear Roosevelt Will Not Move Fast Enough To Suit

By LESLIE EICHEL New York, Aug. 16—Significant statements, significant actions are overlooked in these times. The turmoil is too great. The statement, the other day, of Senator Gerald P. Nye, that there would be a third party next year, and that he would support President Roosevelt in 1936 if the president "remained liberal" is significant. The senator from North Dakota is a Republican—a progressive, it is true, but enough of a Republican to be mentioned for the Republican nomination for president by Republicans opposed to the Old Guard. Senator Nye still is a young man, and may yet be president. But that is beside the point. The dominant fact is that political and economic evolution continues its course, and that change will go on. If resisted, it will be peaceful. If resisted, it will not be peaceful. The progressives, as Senator Nye unintentionally points out, ever now are being forced into a corner. They have permitted change to outrun them. Says he, "Without President Roosevelt it is likely that the Demo-

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### WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Fairly cloudy tonight and Saturday; not much change in temperature.

#### Killed in Crash



### WASHINGTON TOLD OF THE RECOVERY OF MEN'S BODIES

Capital Is Shocked By News of Death of Famous Pair in Far-Away Northern Outpost

### CUTTER IS ORDERED TO PICK THEM UP

U. S. Signal Corps Officials Get First News and Notify Widows of Comedian and Famous Flier; Word Is Sent Also To President Roosevelt

Washington, Aug. 16—(AP)—The coast guard cutter Northland which left Point Barrow yesterday, has been ordered to turn back and pick up the bodies of Will Rogers and Wiley Post.

Washington, Aug. 16—(AP)—Signal headquarters were notified by the Seattle office today of the finding of the bodies of Will Rogers and Wiley Post where their plane crashed in Alaska. Shocked by the news, officials said notice of the tragedy already had been dispatched to the widows of the two by the army. General Allison, chief signal officer, received the following message from staff Sergeant Morgan at Point Barrow, Alaska: "Post and Rogers crashed 15 miles south of here five o'clock last night. "Have recovered bodies and placed them in car Dr. Greist. "Standing by on Anchorage hourly. (Signed) "Morgan."

The signal corps' activities in Seattle were Colonel Krumpke, in charge there, Wash., who notified their widows. Colonel Dawson Olmstead, of the Signal Corps, explained today that the army maintains a wireless station at Point Barrow, the point furthest north in Alaska where any army activities are carried on for the purpose of gathering and transmitting weather reports. Sergeant Morgan is the only army

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### Plane Crashes At Point Barrow, Far Up In North Land

Famous Humorist and Noted Airman On Vacation Flight; Pontoon Ship Crumpled On Ice, Is Believed

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 16 (AP)—The Seattle headquarters of the Alaska Telegraph System, operated by the United States Army Signals Corps, was advised today that Will Rogers, noted humorist, and Wiley Post, famed aviator, were killed when their plane crashed 15 miles south of Point Barrow, northernmost tip of Alaska.

### Widows Get First News Of Tragedy

Rogers Family Is In Maine and Mrs. Post In Ponca City, Okla. For Operation

Ponca City, Okla., Aug. 16—(AP)—Mrs. Wiley Post was prostrated with grief when advised today of her husband's death in Alaska. Mrs. Post at first planned to make the northern trip with her famous husband, but untimely here for an operation. She is staying at the L. A. Gray home here. WIFE AND DAUGHTER BOTH GET NEWS AT MAINE TOWN Showhogan, Maine, Aug. 16—(AP)—Mary Rogers, 19, only daughter of Will Rogers, famous comedian killed

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### SCHOOL BUS MONEY TO BE READY SOON

Federal Grant of \$450,000 Looked for by State To Be Approved

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the St. Walter Hotel. BY J. C. BASKERVILLE. Raleigh, Aug. 16—Final approval of the Federal grant of \$450,000 to the State School Commission to be used with \$550,000 of State funds for the purchase of 1,000,000 worth of new school buses is expected very soon now. Claude F. Gaddy, director of transportation for the school commission said today following his return from Washington where he and LeRoy Martin, secretary of the commission have spent several days look-

### Rural Electric Money For State Will Be Plentiful

As Many Miles As Meet Federal Requirements Will Be Financed; Must Be Self-Liquidating and Repaid In Period Of Five Years, Rules Show

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the St. Walter Hotel. BY J. C. BASKERVILLE. Raleigh, Aug. 16—Funds to construct at least 1,000 miles of rural electric transmission lines in North Carolina, under the supervision of the State Rural Electrification Authority, can probably be obtained from the Rural Electrification Administration in Washington, Chairman Dudley Bagley, of the State authority, said today following his return from Washington. Chairman Bagley and J. L. Horne, Jr., of Rocky Mount, a member of the authority, spent several days in Wash-

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Captain Frank E. Stoner, of the Signals Corps, informed The Associated Press that Sergeant Stanley R. Morgan, operator at Barrow, had recovered the bodies of the pair, who were on an aerial vacation in Alaska. The bodies were brought to Barrow and cared for by Dr. Henry W. Greist, medical missionary at the Barrow hospital. Captain Stoner said he had advised the families of Rogers and Post of the tragedy. The plane was en route from Fairbanks to Barrow at the time of the accident. The plane, equipped with pontoons for alighting on water, left Fairbanks in the interior of Alaska last night for the 500-mile flight to Barrow. The tundra land south of Barrow is generally devoid of bodies of water large enough for a plane of this type to make a safe landing, and, while no details of the crash were received, it was assumed the plane came down on the frozen ground. Barrow, northernmost white settlement in America, has a population of several hundred natives and about a dozen whites. Crashed Only 50 Feet Sergeant Morgan later wirelessed the plane crashed from only 50 feet in the air after taking off from a small river and said: Native hunter reported plane crashed 15 miles south of Barrow. "Immediately hired fast launch, proceeded to scene, found plane complete wreck, partially submerged, two feet of water. "Recovered body of Rogers, then necessary tear plane apart, extract body of Post from water. "Brought bodies to Barrow, turned over to Dr. Greist, also salvaged

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### Rogers Was Everywhere Plain 'Will'

Native of Oklahoma And 55 Years Old; Worth Millions Of Dollars

(By The Associated Press) Will Rogers was given the imposing name of William Penn Adair Rogers but everybody called him Will. He was a cowboy, humorist, writer, lecturer, philosopher, polo player, world traveler and flyer, but he went up in the air only as a passenger. He was born at Oologah, Indian Territory, November 4, 1879, but he called Claremore, Okla., his "home town" and he was a legal resident of Oklahoma although he spent most of his time at his ranch between Beverly Hills and Santa Monica, California. He had Indian blood in his veins and was proud of it. One of his best wisecracks was based upon this ancestry as he said that his ancestors did not come over on the Mayflower, but they met the boat. His education came he said by easy stages. "I studied the fourth reader for ten years" he told an interviewer, but he was a "kiddie" on and off the stage and many of his boasts of being "literate" could be taken with a grain of salt. After he left the fourth reader behind him he went through the Willlow Hassell school at Neosho, Mo.

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