

# FLOODS THREATENING FAMINE, PESTILENCE

## League Condemns Germany As Treaty Violator

### ASSEMBLED POWERS VOTE UNANIMOUSLY ON HITLER'S MOVES

#### League Delegates in London Declare Locarno and Versailles Pacts Violated

#### HITLER ENVOY SAYS ACTION WAS FORCED

#### France's Pact With Soviet Russia, Aimed Directly at Germany, Necessitated Occupation of Rhineland Area; Heated Reply Is Made by Flandin

London, March 19 (AP)—The Council of the League of Nations condemned Germany under Reichsfuehrer Hitler as a treaty breaker today. The vote of the assembled powers was unanimous.

The League members decided that Germany had violated both the Versailles and Locarno treaties when she moved troops into the Rhineland, which had been ordered demilitarized at the end of the World War.

#### Claim Defensive Move.

The condemnation came in a few hours after Joachim von Ribbentrop, special ambassador of Hitler, had stood before the members and argued that the German course of action in the Rhineland had been justified by France's military assistance pact with Soviet Russia.

It was the first time in more than two years that a representative of Germany had spoken in the League of Nations.

There was one vote cast opposed to the condemnation, but that was by Germany and consequently was not counted in the unanimous verdict. Neither were the votes by Belgium and France, the other two parties to the dispute considered.

The ballot was taken on a resolution proposed by France and Belgium.

#### Hitler Envoy Replies.

Immediately after the vote was taken, Von Ribbentrop arose in his place at the council table and in the name of the German people and the German government declared: "This resolution will not be maintained in the judgment of history. If the honorable members had had more time to consider my statement this..."

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## Investigate Race Wires Of A. T. & T.

#### Commission Asks Justice Department Action on Data Turned Up at Probe

Washington, March 19.—(AP)—The Communications Commission today called upon the Justice Department to investigate the activities of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company in providing wire facilities for the transmission of racing news.

#### Testimony Basis for Action.

Commissioner Paul A. Walker, directing a \$750,000 FCC investigation into the mammoth utility, said he had communicated with an assistant to J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Bureau of Investigation.

Walker said he called attention to testimony at an FCC hearing yesterday regarding the use of A. T. & T. wires for sending sporting news.

Samuel B. Becker, special counsel for the commission, charged that most of the subscribers to racing news services were "gamblers" or pool room operators.

#### Recovered Equipment.

He introduced correspondence between A. T. & T. officials which he said showed the company had in one case "reached an understanding with Massachusetts State police for the recovery of teletypewriter equipment seized in raids on gambling houses."

Other correspondence indicating that a company had paid a \$25 fee for "legal service" to James Hughes, Jamestown, N. Y., city attorney, after a teletype machine had been returned to the company after a gambling raid.

### "Jafsie" Back, May Face Quiz



Dr. J. F. "Jafsie" Condon, famous intermediary in the Lindbergh baby kidnaping, is snapped as he was questioned by reporters on his return to New York from an extended vacation in the Panama Canal Zone. Governor Hoffman, of New Jersey, has indicated he may question Condon again before the execution of Bruno Richard Hauptmann, who was identified by Condon as the kidnaper. (Central Press)

## Test Legality Of Tobacco Compacts For Senate Order

#### Washington, March 19 (AP)—

Legislation to approve interstate compacts for tobacco control was referred to Senate committee lawyers today for a ruling on its constitutionality.

Chairman Smith, Democrat, South Carolina, said a majority of the Senate Agriculture Committee approved the measure.

Under the compacts plan, tobacco growing states would enact similar tobacco legislation to regulate tobacco growing with Congress passage a ratifying act. The Virginia legislature already has passed the State compact bill, and it is now under consideration by the South Carolina Assembly.

Smith said he wanted to be sure of the constitutionality of the bill before reporting it to the Senate.

## STATE TAKES LIFE ROCKINGHAM NEGRO

#### Convicted of Assault On Elderly School Teacher; Another Tomorrow

Raleigh, March 19.—(AP)—Jake Johnson, 36-year-old Negro convicted of criminal assault in Rockingham county, was electrocuted today at State's Prison.

Johnson was the 163rd victim of the electric chair, but only the third man to die in it in this State on a day other than Friday.

Preparations were started immediately for the execution tomorrow of Ed Hester, young Gaston county white man convicted of killing a fellow prisoner, who is due to be electrocuted to make it the first time the chair has been used on successive days.

#### Reprieve for Negro.

Parole Commissioner Edwin Gill announced a reprieve would be granted John Pressley, Gaston county Negro, who was also sentenced to die tomorrow for murder.

#### Attacked Teacher.

Johnson was charged with attacking an elderly white Rockingham county school teacher on February 1, 1935. He was caught in West Virginia 1935. He was caught in the name of George France, and was convicted in August.

## A. T. & T. SUIT HAS REPERCUSSION HERE

#### Evidence Deduced in Congressional Probe May Affect N. C. Orders

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel, By J. C. BASKERVILL  
Raleigh, March 18.—Some of the facts brought out concerning the American Telephone and Telegraph Company in the investigation of that concern by the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, have a very direct and pertinent bearing on the efforts which have been made to reduce the rates charged by the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company here in North Carolina, and which the Bell company has fought the reductions ordered by the State Utilities Commission, it was pointed out today by Utilities Commissioner Stanley Winborne.

More than a year ago the Utilities Commission found the Bell telephone rates being charged in North Carolina excessive and ordered a reduction of about 15 per cent, which would have saved its telephone users at least \$300,000 a year in charges. The Bell company appealed from the order, and a long trial has just been completed, although no decision has as yet been rendered. In this trial, the Southern Bell Company sought to prove its charges for equipment and materials were not excessive by comparing them with the prices charged by the Graybar Electric Company, portrayed as an independent company manufacturing telephone equipment to independent telephone companies. All Controlled by A. T. & T. "But in the investigation now in progress in Washington, it has been..."

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### Investigation of WPA Is Approved

Washington, March 19.—(AP)—The Senate Expenditures Committee today approved a resolution for an investigation of the Works Progress Administration after Senator Davis, Republican, Pennsylvania, had charged Democratic officials were "making a political football" out of relief.

Chairman Lewis, Democrat, Illinois, moved adoption of the Davis resolution, and Senator Van Nuys, Democrat, Indiana, seconded with suggestion that the inquiry, if approved by the Senate, start with complaints about administration of relief in Pennsylvania.

## EHRINGHAUS MOVE GETTING RESULTS FROM WASHINGTON

#### At Least Demand for \$50,000,000 Soil Benefit Allotment Is Made to Wallace

#### GOVERNOR GAINING FARMERS' SUPPORT

#### Growers Beginning to Feel Again Ehringhaus Knows What He Is Doing; Three-Fold Program Is Under Way for Controlling 1936 Tobacco Production

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Raleigh, March 19.—The powers-that-be in Washington are already sitting up and taking notice of the tobacco crop problem, largely as a result of what Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus has done during the past week in carrying his appeal for the tobacco farmers over the heads of the State's delegation in Congress direct to President Roosevelt, it was generally agreed here today, even in circles usually critical of and unfriendly to Governor Ehringhaus. For, while Governor Ehringhaus has undoubtedly incurred the jealousy, if not the enmity, of some members of the North Carolina delegation in Congress as the result of his appeal to the President and promulgation of a new plan of attack on the tobacco crop control problem, he is already beginning to get results, according to opinion here.

Agree Sign-Up Necessary. In the first place, a majority of the tobacco leaders now agree that an immediate, though voluntary, sign-up campaign to restrict the 1936 crop to...

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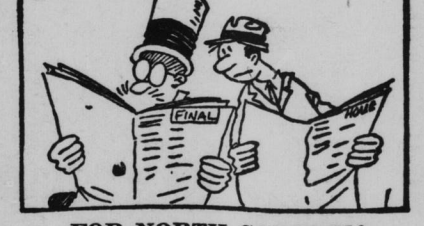
## ALDERMAN FILES ENTRANCE PRICE

#### Greene County School Man Opposing State Head First Time Ever

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel, By J. C. BASKERVILL  
Raleigh, March 19.—Superintendent A. B. Alderman, of the Greene county schools, handed over his \$60 fee and officially filed as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for State Superintendent of Public Instruction with R. C. Maxwell, executive secretary of the State Board of Elections, here Wednesday. Superintendent Alderman is here attending the annual...

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## OUR WEATHER MAN



#### FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Generally fair, slightly warmer in extreme southwest and frost in central and southeast portions tonight; Friday cloudy and warmer, possibly light scattered showers in afternoon in west and central portions.

## Western Carolina Children Trapped By Snow Are Safe

#### 100 or More Trapped in School House at Newlands by Blizzards of Last Tuesday

#### SECTION IS SLOWLY DIGGING WAY OUT

#### Highway Chairman Waynick Says Every Effort Is Being Made To Have Main Roads Open by Night; Rivers in Eastern Carolina Near Flood

Newlands, March 19.—(AP)—Sheriff W. H. Hughes estimated today that there was plenty of fuel and food in Newlands to last the community until roads blocked by Tuesday's blizzard could be cleared.

"I don't think there is any real danger of a shortage," he said. The sheriff said reports of several hundred school children snowbound in the Avery consolidated school were exaggerated. He estimated that about 100 children from rural homes stayed in Newlands Tuesday and Wednesday night because school buses could not get over the roads. Of these, 36 were quartered at the school house and the others in private homes, he said.

"Most of them will get to their homes today," he said. "Parents of some have already come for them. They will walk home."

#### HOPE TO HAVE HIGHWAYS OPEN BY LATE EVENING

Raleigh, March 19.—(AP)—Capus M. Waynick, State highway chairman, said today every effort was being made to open main roads in Western North Carolina which are blocked by snow, marooning school children at Banner Elk, Newland and other places.

#### More Labor Sought.

"We are using all the hand labor and machine labor we can in the Newland vicinity, where drifts are 15 feet or more deep," Waynick said. "And the Asheville division has been direct..."

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## Wheeling Is Hard Hit By Great Flood

#### Wheeling, W. Va., March 19 (AP)—

Torrents of the angry Ohio River engulfed Wheeling's downtown area with seven feet of water, swiftly claimed 13 lives and surged down on a dozen other West Virginia and Ohio cities today.

Two others were drowned at Wellsburg, upstream from Wheeling, and panicky survivors, stranded high in their homes, screamed for help throughout the night.

#### Hundreds Marooned

Hundreds were marooned on Wheeling homes and business places as the flood waters, their devastating invasion of the Pittsburgh area accomplished, moved in.

The flood struck hardest at Wheeling Island, in the middle of the Ohio river, and police and voluntary rescuers rode a fleet of some 50 boats to help the stranded inhabitants to high lands.

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## Roosevelt Pleads For \$3,000,000 As Flood Relief Sum

Washington, March 19 (AP)—President Roosevelt issued a proclamation today appealing for contributions of \$3,000,000 to the American Red Cross for flood relief.

It was issued as the Federal Emergency Flood Relief Committee gathered at the President's desk to map steps to combat suffering, destruction of property and loss of life.

Delays Southern Trip. Mr. Roosevelt delayed his southern...

### Education Heads



MRS. T. W. GUTHRIE



JULE B. WARREN

Mrs. Guthrie, first grade teacher in the Kinston public schools, is president and will preside over the session of the North Carolina Education Association at its three-day convention opening in Raleigh tonight. Mr. Warren is the full-time secretary of the State association, with headquarters in Raleigh, and will be active in the convention, the fifty-second annual gathering of the association.

## SCHOOL TEACHERS MEET AT RALEIGH

#### Fireworks Possible in Nomination of Officers Set for Tonight

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Raleigh, March 19.—From 3,000 to 5,000 school teachers from every section of North Carolina are expected here tonight, tomorrow and Saturday for the annual convention of the North Carolina Education Association. Hundreds of teachers were arriving throughout the afternoon, and...

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## 76 KNOWN DEAD AS THOUSANDS FORCED TO ABANDON HOMES

#### Property Damage Mounts Into Tens of Millions of Dollars in Eastern America

#### PENNSYLVANIA NOW GREATEST SUFFERER

#### Pittsburgh Area and Johnstown Face Possible Food Shortages as Water Recedes; Dams Are Broken and Bridges Washed Away in Many Places

(By The Associated Press.) The toll of deaths pushed toward 100 today in the most disastrous flood devastation in the history of the eastern states.

The latest list of dead by states placed the toll at 76, but figures were held for dozens more. These figures were intensified throughout the forenoon by families in Johnstown and other areas who reported relatives missing.

The dead by states yesterday and today were: Pennsylvania, 43; West Virginia, 15; Virginia, 4; Vermont, 4; North Carolina, 2; Georgia, 2; Maryland, 1; Massachusetts, 3; New Hampshire, 1; New York, 1.

Flood and explosions claimed 13 lives in Wheeling, W. Va., alone.

(By The Associated Press) The worst floods in Eastern United States history moved menacingly down into West Virginia and Ohio today, claiming a reported death toll of at least 71.

Pestilence and shortages of food and water intensified the terror, destitution and misery. Uncounted thousands were homeless. The property damage mounted into tens of millions of dollars.

#### Water Sweep Downstream

After paralyzing Pittsburgh at its source—where the Monongahela and Allegheny rivers slowly receded after a night of terror, with the steel metropolis in darkness, inundated and isolated from the outside world—the Ohio river swirled down its broad valley, sweeping widespread death and destruction along with it.

With terrifying swiftness, the river swept over Wellsburg, W. Va., then plunged on down to Wheeling, where its devastating force wrought great early fury.

Early in the day a toll of nine lives from drowning in Wheeling had been counted. Four more persons...

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## Cotton Pool Certificates Not Traded

#### Senator Smith Issues Denial of Assertions in Defending His Measure

Washington, March 19 (AP)—Chairman Smith, Democrat, South Carolina, of the Senate Agriculture Committee, in a formal statement today, denied that supporters of his government cotton disposal bill were actively trading in pool certificates.

Smith said members of his committee had inquired about reports that such activity was going on.

#### One Firm Traded.

The chairman declared all cotton firms supporting his bill, which would dispose of approximately 5,000,000 bales of government cotton holdings under weekly sales quotas, with the exception of one, reported to him they have never bought or sold any of the certificates.

"This one firm," Smith said, "advised they have been actively trading in these certificates the same as cotton for every month of the past year and a half."

"It is also reported that most of the recent trading in certificates has been among the cotton firms, with very little selling of certificates by the farmers, who are holding 85 per cent of them," Smith concluded.