

a trial in line with what we consider to be American standards of justice."

swept sectors of the upper Ohio val-

anticipated.

The Ohio spilled over its shores

again in the Wheeling, W. Va., area

without causing appreciable damage,

as the new crest bore down on

Marietta, Ohio, with a 40-foot stage

Danger apparently had passed along

the river from Steubenville to Ports-mouth, Ohio.

Meteorologists predicted a crest of

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Admitted on Stand

By His Secretary

Gebhardt Slaying

## High Point Cops Fired for Favors To Rich Citizen

High Point, March 27.--(AP)--Two members of the High Point police department were discharged outright and eight others were demoted this morning by City, Manager Knox as a result of their confessed acceptance of gratuities W. Comer Covington, from wealthy hosiery manufacturer.

Desk Sergeant Frank Hart and Patrolman W. G. Gregory were discharged.

The action followed an investigation of statements made in connection with the disappearance Saturday night from police headquarters of Covington, who had gone there to inform police his automobile had struck a pedestrian. Covington walked out of the headquarters while the accident was being investigated, but was arrested Sunday and charged with an assault with a deadly weapon. of money admittedly Sums taken from Covington totalled

**Reich Envoy** Worried By Eden Speech Babson Sees Roosevelt

# Ask British Foreign Secretary for Elaboration on Address Economist Thinks, However, Whatever Party Wins in to Commons

London, March 27 .- (AP)-Joachim Ribbentrop, seeking Great Brilatest word before returning to n to report to Adolf Hitler on the leland crisis negotiations, conferwith Foreign Secretary Anthony den today at the foreign office.

Commons yesterday, in which the the election, it would seem as if the n mind.

## German Is Worried.

Hitler's ambassador-at-large was untood to be perturbed by some secof Eden's address-a re-affirma-Locarno pact, which was acclaimed ber. Upsets are always possible in any

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**Plane Falls While Attempt-**Columbus County Farmer Pays With **Towering Volcanic Peaks;** His Life at State Prison for Murder

Is Executed

Mexico City, March 27 .-- (AP)-Six Raleigh, March 27.—(AP)—Bright Buffkin, 43-year-old Columbus county women and eight men, ranging in rank from members of European nofarmer, died by gas at State's Prison bility to a Costa Rican steward boy, today for the murder last year of B. were brought back dead to this capi-A. Barefoot. Buffkin, a native of South Carolina,

tal today, victims of an air disaster which halted a carefree trip to Cendied quietly. The gas generating equip ment was started at 10:37, and Dr. tral America. Authorities said the bodies, two G. S. Coleman, prison physician, probadly crushed and burned to permit nounced him dead at 10:45 a.m. certain identification, would be cre-The fifth victim and second white

man to die of gas in the chamber, mated after brief services. constructed last year, Buffkin was The 14 persons, ten European tourists and four members of the crew of convicted of shooting Barefoot fatally after an argument on a country road. a trio-motored plane they chartered He lost an appeal to the Supreme for a flight through Guatemala and Court and Governor Ehringhaus de- Central America, died yesterday when clined to intervene for him after the great ship crashed near Amecameca while attempting to pass begranting two reprieves.

Body Is Claimed. tween two towering volcanic peaks 30 Records show Buffkin is survived miles from the capital. by his widow and five children. The Pan-American Airways officials or body was taken to Columbus county dered a technical investigation into harder fight to save Bruno and was thrown overboard by the shortly after the execution. In the death chamber, Buffkin said Mexican aviation, but expressed doubt this worst disaster in the history of Richard Hauptmann from the he was "ready to go." He nodded and that the cause ever could be deter-

Will Probably Reveal Lit-

tle Evidence

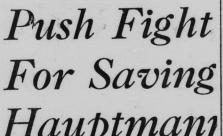
said goodbye to witnesses watching mined definitely because of the conthrough heavy glass plates. dition of the wreckage.

In some quarters the governor's EUROPEAN NOBILITY INCLUDED IN DEAD statement was interpreted as removing still further the chance that Hauptmann would be reprieved again.

Attorney General David T. Wilentz and Hauck, as well as many other leing To Pass Between Two fore the first stay granted by the governor on January 16. Hauck has said he will oppose any

Investigation Ordered, but such move in the courts and Wilentz said today he would issue a statement

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Trenton, N. J., March 27.-

(AP)—A Federal wood expert's

opinion that evidence concern-

ing rail 16 of the Lindbergh kid-

nap ladder was "framed" form-

ed today the basis of a new and

# **State Tobacco Problem** No Nearer To Solution

Right Back Where It Was Two Weeks Ago, With Governor Left in Tight Spot As Sign-Up Is Abandoned; Soil Conservation Plan Appears Best Course

Daity Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hote., By J. C BASKERVILL Raleigh, March 27.—The tobacco problem is still unsolved and apparently no nearer a solution than it was Hauptmann ently no nearer a solution than it was show up nearer in the interest of the interes going round and round, like the music but without coming out anywhere.

The voluntary signup plan, proposed by Governor Ehringhaus just a week servers, as follows: ago and which for a time promised to amount to something, fizzled out badly when Governor George C. the voluntary reduction of tobacco Peery, of Virginia, and the Virginia acreage under the Federal Soil Congrowers turned a cold shoulder to it,

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HELTH OF STATE LUWPKIN ATTACKS ESPECIALLY GOOD STRAW BALLOTING Says Goerch's Poll, While No Epidemics or Prospects of Any, Compared to Showing McDonald Many Last Year Ahead, Not Emough

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel, By J. C. BASKERVILL Raleigh, March 27.—The "straw" vote which has been conducted by Carl Goerch, editor of a weekly news time are better than in many weeks, magazine published here, was flatly repudiated today both by Dr, Ralph W. McDonald of Winston-Salem and "The situation is very encouraging," his campaign manager, W. L. Lump- Dr. Knox asserted, "and there is no kin, in a statement in which Lumpkin indication of a serious outbreak of branded the poll as being unreliable any communicable diseases. Compared and as nothing more than propaganda with the same period of last year, for Clyde R. Hoey, one of the other conditions are very favorable. During three candidates for the Democratic the week end March 21 we had only nomination for governor, despite the 71 cases of measles reported to us, fact that the poll so far shows Mc- compared with 613 yast year. We had

"Those voting in the Goerch poll are practically hand picked," the state-ment issued today by Lumpkin said. "Whooping cough is another disease ment issued today by Lumpkin said.

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governor's own steering committee New York, March 27.-(AP)-Vera yesterday when the members of the Stretz admitted on the witness stand interstate tobacco committee from Virginia and South Carolina failed to today that she fatally shot Dr. Fritz show up here for the meeting that Gebhardt, her wealthy lover and onetime employer.

Only two courses of action now re-

The 32-year-old secretary, first witness in her own defense, told of her education and of the purchase of a revolver some years ago.

main open with regard to dealing Then her attorney, Samuel Liewith the 1936 tobacco crop and its bowitz, suddenly asked: control, it is now agreed by most ob-

"You shot Gebhardt, didn't you?" "Yes," the blonde young woman re-1. Cooperation of North Carolina in plied.

She appeared to be breaking, but recovered her poise.

She admitted the shooting in a dull voice, without expression. Liebowitz then asked her about meeting Gebhardt on a cruise in 1934.

Americans Win Big In **Irish Races** 

Five Get \$150,000 Each on First Horse; Other Big Amounts Captured

Aintree, England, March 27 (AP)-Major Noel Furlong's Reynoldstown repeated his 1935 victory in the Grand National Steeplechase today.

Ego, an outsider, was second and Bachelor Prince third in the field of throughout the State more than 10,000

Golden Miller, 1934 winner, and the number will be considerably reduced favorite, fell at the first jump.

### \$750,000 WON BY AMERICANS

**ON SWEEPSTAKES HORSES** New York, March 27 (AP)-When Reynoldstown won the Grand National today he automatically sent \$150,small number of voters receiving the or only one-tenth of last year's total 000 to the United States, for five Ame-

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and Prospects of Republican Candidates

of Eden's speech to the House publican and to hear them talk about the electoral college. secretary warned Germany a Republicans would surely be victor- Roosevelt should secure at least 286 iliatory gesture of some kind was ous. In a trip last week to Palm electoral votes against 245 for his Resary to solve the Rhineland im- Beach and Miami, this sentiment was publican opponent. Only 266 votes out but also advised France to try even more noticeable. Several men of the electoral college total of 531 are deal with Der Fuehrer with an even offered to bet me that Roosevelt necessary for choice. According to the would not be nominated.

Line-Up on Electoral Vote. March on an election more than seven months away are not necessarily

BY ROGER W. BABSON,

of Britain's obligations under the proof of what will happen in Novemfiercely fought presidential campaign. From my studies, however, it is clear

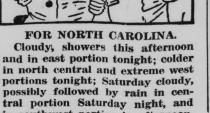
Mountain Lake, Fla., March 27 .--- I majority While his strength in terms am now stopping at an exclusive win- of the popular vote may be decreasoformed sources said the Reich ter resort in Florida. Almost all the ing, he should still be able to secure sought an explanation of guests in this section are violently Re- more than a majority of the votes in Present figures show that President

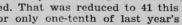
ry the sc-called "Solid South," with a Of course, statistics compiled in possible exception of a border state or two such as Maryland. He ought to win the Western States, with the ex-

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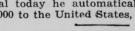
ception of Kansas, Colorado, South Dakota and Wyoming. He will lose in southwest portion in afternoon.

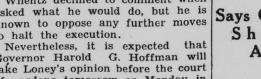






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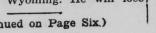
The wood expert, Arch W. Loney, of the Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C., called Attorney General David T. Wiltentz, an autho-ritative source disclosed, and asked him to agree to a 30-day judicial stay of execution

Wilentz Declines Comment Wilentz declined to comment when asked what he would do, but he is

As Winner In November known to oppose any further moves to halt the execution.

Governor Harold G. Hoffman will take Loney's opinion before the court of pardons tomorrow or Monday in an effort to save Hauptmann.

that were the election to be held today, President Roosevcit would be re-elected, although ty a greatly reduced



1936 Will Be Defeated in 1940; Analyzes Chances

electric chair.

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But any attempt of the governor **OUR WEATHER MAN** 

Donald in the lead.

Alleges Hoey Propaganda.

"Although Dr. McDonald is leading in which has shown a great decrease the magazine balloting at present, we this year. For the week ending March discount the political significance of 21 last year, we had 401 cases reportthe poll because of the comparatively ed. That was reduced to 41 this year,

