

# COAL STRIKE CALLED OFF

### West Virginia Operators Decide To Go Along With Others In Meeting Demands

### WALK-OUT STARTED AT LAST MIDNIGHT

### 400,000 Soft Coal Miners Quit Work To Enforce Demands for More Pay and Shorter Hours; Time and Half Overtime Chief Obstacles to Accord

New York, April 2 (AP)—The one-day soft coal strike was settled this afternoon by an agreement between the United Mine Workers and the operators.

About 400,000 miners will return to work Monday morning. Tomorrow is a mine holiday.

Terms of the final agreement for a new wage and hour contract were not made public immediately.

New York, April 2 (AP)—Settlement of the soft coal strike this afternoon before the end of its first day was predicted today in unusually well informed quarters.

Southern West Virginia operators, the last to agree to the United Mine workers wage increase demand, had decided to go along with the other operators, it was said.

This word came from sources close to both miners and operators just before a meeting of the joint committee of miners and operators to continue the negotiations.

### STRIKE BECAME REALITY AT MIDNIGHT LAST NIGHT

The ever-widening strike front occupied a huge new sector today as 400,000 soft coal miners deserted the pits.

Long considered a possibility, the strike of the United Mine Workers of America became an actuality when a day of grace in negotiations for a new contract passed without ending in an agreement.

Expiration of the old contract between the U. M. W. and operators at midnight March 31 marked the technical start of the strike, but yesterday's mine holiday postponed formal

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## GOSSIP IS WRONG ABOUT ODUS MULL

### "Shelby Dynasty" Talk Too Strong to Permit Appointment by Hoey

Daily Dispatch Bureau, Raleigh, April 2—Odus M. Mull, Shelby lawyer and industrialist, is not expected to be offered any important appointment by Governor Clyde R. Hoey, or if offered a post, to accept it, according to a number of observers here known to be very close to Governor Hoey. They are convinced that the speculation which has been going on for several weeks with regard to the possible appointment of Mull to various posts is without any actual foundation and that when all of

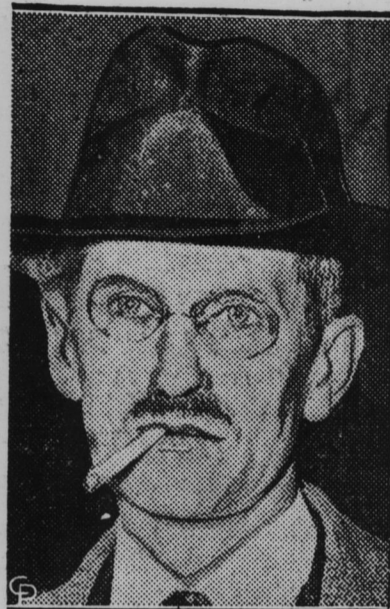
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## Half State's Employees Have Already Received Back Pay Assembly Gave

Daily Dispatch Bureau, Raleigh, April 2—At least half of the employees of the various State departments here have already their checks for the back pay awarded them by the 1937 General Assembly, amounting to 25 per cent of their salaries for the months of April, May and June in 1933, it was learned today from the office of State Auditor George Ross Pou, when all of the various State employees have been paid the amount withheld from their salaries for those months, the total will amount to approximately \$420,000. The 1935 General Assembly held that this was nothing more than a cut

in salaries made necessary by the depletion of the State's revenue in 1933, and refused to regard it as a debt by the State to its employees. But the 1937 assembly took the view that the State had only "borrowed" this amount from its employees and that it was the duty of the State to pay it back, now that times were better. The employees on the payroll during April, May and June of 1933 amount to 25 per cent of the salaries they were then receiving, and will be paid whether these are still on the State's payroll or not. As a result, several

### Model's Father Held



Joseph Gedeon

After lengthy questioning, Joseph Gedeon, father of Veronica Gedeon, beautiful artist's model, and her mother, was held by New York police today in connection with the murder of the two women and Frank Byrnes, a roomer in their apartment in the metropolis.

## FDR Seeking Result From Textile Meet

### President Greets World Conference That Involves Welfare of Millions

Washington, April 2 (AP)—President Roosevelt expressed confidence to the world textile conference today that its discussion of the industry's problems would have a "far reaching effect upon the ultimate prosperity of the industry and the well being of the millions whose livelihood depends upon it."

The President's message, a letter to Harold Butler, conference secretary-general, was read at the opening session of the international group. "I'm sorry that I am unable to be with you in person," wrote the President. "I, therefore, take this means of extending to you, and through you to the entire textile conference, my most

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## EHRINGHAUS TO BE FEDERAL ATTORNEY

### Accepts Appointment as Special Assistant to Attorney General in Big Case

Raleigh, April 2.—(AP)—Former Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus said today he had accepted appointment as a special assistant United States attorney general to prosecute officials of the Curtiss-Wright airplane interests on charges of flying airplanes out of this country in violation of a proclamation of President Roosevelt.

He said the assignment would not interfere with his law practice and residence here, and "in this particular the employment now accepted differs from that tendered and declined earlier in the week," which was to prosecute oil companies in anti-trust suits now pending in Wisconsin.

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## REPUTED U. S. NAZI CHIEF IN COURT



Maj. Julius Hochfelder Fritz Kuhn

Near riot was precipitated in magistrate's court in New York when followers of Fritz Kuhn, alleged head of a Nazi storm troop organization in America, nearly clashed with followers of Maj. Julius Hochfelder, counsel for the anti-Nazi German-American League for Culture. Kuhn, shown right, appeared to answer charges of violating the U. S. penal code by allegedly failing to incorporate his organization or the newspaper backed by it. Hochfelder is at the left.

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## New Efforts Made For Motors Peace

Detroit, Mich., April 2.—(AP)—High officials of General Motors Corporation and the United Automobile Workers met today to seek a cure for a new epidemic of sitdown strikers.

Resumption of strike settlement negotiations between Walter Chrysler and John Lewis was deferred today until Saturday, while efforts to settle new disputes in

General Motors plants were intensified. William Knudsen, executive vice-president of General Motors Corporation, and Homer Martin, president of the United Automobile Workers, prepared to confer today in an attempt to quiet sporadic storms that beat about the GM-U. A. W. A. agreement reached just three weeks ago today

## Employment Fund Is Railroad Goal

Washington, April 2.—(AP)—Informed officials said today railroad officials and labor negotiators were trying to draft a broad new system of unemployment compensation for the nation's one million rail workers.

The program is being formulated in connection with a voluntary rail pension system, officials said. It would lift the railroads out of the unemployment benefit system embodied in the social security act.

The program is being studied by Treasury, retirement board, railroad and rail union representatives. Authoritative persons said the proposed unemployment program probably would be administered by the retirement board and would be uniform for all states.

## T. J. MURPHY NOW TALKED FOR BOARD

### Former Greensboro Mayor May Be Liquor Chairman; Others Talked

Daily Dispatch Bureau, Raleigh, April 2.—The name of T. J. Murphy, of Greensboro, is looming larger among those being mentioned for the appointment as chairman of the new State Alcoholic Beverages Control Board, which Governor Clyde R. Hoey is expected to name any day now. A flood of endorsements has been received by Governor Hoey in behalf of F. Webb Williams, of Elizabeth City, author of the Pasquotank act of 1935, and generally regarded as the "daddy" of the liquor stores control system in North Carolina; of W. D. McMillan, of Wilmington, chair-

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## YOUTH HANGED FOR ARKANSAS SLAYING

### Fred Adams, 21, Was Convicted of Killing Night Marshal in Missouri Hold-Up

Kennett, Mo., April 2.—(AP)—Fred Adams, 21, of Rector, Ark., was hanged here today for the slaying three years ago of Clarence Green, night marshal at Campbell, Mo., during robbery of a filling station. The trap was sprung at 8:05 a. m., central standard time, and Adams was pronounced dead 13 minutes later. Reiterating his claim of innocence, Adams went to his death with a smile.

## Roosevelt Says Prices Are Far Too High On Steel And Copper And May Stop Funds

## Government Troops Open Land And Sea Attacks On Spanish Insurgent Base

### Government Planes Bombard Chief Supply Depot of General Franco at Cordoba

### ANOTHER TOWN NOW NEAR CAPITULATION

### Government Militiamen Also Press Into Heart of Rich Mining Section Now Held by Insurgents; Rebels Advance, However, in North Spain

(By The Associated Press) Spanish government troops launched land and air attacks at insurgent supply bases today. The insurgents advanced upon the Basque capital, Bilbao, in northern Spain. Government planes bombed Cordoba chief supply base of General Francisco Franco's southern army, leaving many dead and wounded.

A town 16 miles south of Cordoba was momentarily expected to fall into hands of government militiamen seeking to cut the main highway running north northwest from Cordoba, and isolate that provincial capital and valuable supplies from forces com-

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## FRED FULLER SHEDD, NOTED EDITOR, DIES

### Philadelphia Bulletin Writer Succumbs After Operation Recently at Pinehurst

Pinehurst, April 2 (AP)—Fred Fuller Shedd, 66, editor-in-chief of the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin since 1921, died early today at the Moore county hospital here after an operation Tuesday.

Shedd entered the hospital March 28, and his wife and son, Dr. William Shedd, of Staunton, Va., were at his bedside.

The funeral will be held at the Shedd home in Philadelphia probably Sunday.

## Oil Blast Sinks Ship, Kills One

### Norfolk, Va., April 2.—(AP)—An explosion wrecked and sank the Gulf Oil Company's 33-ton fueling tanker, killing its master and burning another seaman.

Thomas Russell, 51, Berkley, master of the 57-foot boat, was killed as the blast shot part of the deck house upward and enveloped the tanker in flames at 7:30 a. m.

Thrown overboard with Russell Gideon Sawyer, his face badly burned. An employee at the Gulf Oil Com-

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## Railroads Reviving But Carriers Are Shackled

### Good Investment for Immediate Future but Outlook for Long Pull Is Much Blurred, Babson Warns; Presents Balance Sheet of Industry

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Babson Park, Fla., April 2.—Railroad freight and passenger business is today the best since 1930. For the first time in six years, this gigantic national industry is operating in black ink. Interest in rail stocks since the New Year has lifted their value 20 to 25 per cent. Yet, at these higher levels, carrier shares are only 20 per cent above their 1933 highs, while industrial stocks are nearly double their peak of four years ago! In view of the current interest in rail problems, I have prepared a "balance-sheet" of the industry:

(1) Business Expansion. These pessimists who did not believe the rails

## Important Discovery



Dr. Harry Goldblatt

Discovery of the cause of high blood pressure, a discovery that may prove the most significant in modern medical history, has been made by Dr. Harry Goldblatt, associate director of the Institute of Pathology of Western Reserve university in Cleveland. High blood pressure, or hypertension, as medical men call it, is the world's chief cause of death. In experiments, Dr. Goldblatt has shown that hypertension arises from an insufficient blood supply to the kidneys.

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## BRITAIN COULD WIN OVER THE ITALIANS

### That Is, If Nobody Else Meddled in Such Conflict Between Them

### BRITAIN IS FEARFUL

### Mediterranean Control Is Vital to Both Nations; Washington Would Bet on Britain To Succeed

By CHARLES P. STEWART, Central Press Columnist

Washington, March 2.—If Britain and Italy should get into a war, and if they conceivably could be left to fight it out between themselves exclusively, American army and navy men practically are unanimous that John Bull would win.

This is not an officially expressed judgment. Our experts are mightily careful, in discussing the foreign situation, not to go on record within quotation marks. If one is well enough acquainted with a few of them to be trusted with their confidential opinions they are very ready to bet on the British against the Italians, always assum-

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## HINTS GOVERNMENT MAY TURN CREDITS TO OTHER FIELDS

### Consumer Goods Industries May Feel Warmth of Stimulus From Federal Money

### AVOIDS OPINION ON SITDOWN STRIKERS

### Senate Also Sidesteps Expression on Situation for Present; Debate Continues in Senate and House, However; Court Opponents Still Firing

## Vote Inquiry Of Sitdown Strikes

Washington, April 2.—(AP)—The rules committee voted today for a House investigation of sitdown strikes.

The action came after Chairman O'Connor, Democrat, New York, had conferred with President Roosevelt. O'Connor said while he had mentioned the proposed inquiry, he did not go to the White House primarily to do so. The House may have a chance to vote on the resolution next week.

Washington, April 2.—(AP)—President Roosevelt revealed today a new official attitude toward government work projects involving different types of structures from those heretofore built.

The President told a press conference prices of durable goods, such as steel and copper, were far too high. He added the time had come for the government to discourage Federal expenditures for such goods and to encourage expenditures for consumer goods.

The President's lengthy informal statement on the present trend of prices was prompted by a query as to his position on future public works expenditures.

He said he told the five White House Democrats who called on him yesterday to discuss the PWA, that future Federal public works expenditures should not go for steel bridges and other such permanent structures, but for channel dredging and earthen dams.

This change, he added, would create

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## Big Shiloh Tabernacle Is Burned

### Zion, Ill., April 2.—(AP)—Fire destroyed the Shiloh Tabernacle and radio station WCBD today, and Wilbur Voliva, overseer of the Christian Apostolic Church, said, "I haven't any doubt it was intentionally started."

The overseer estimated the total loss at between \$600,000 and \$700,000. He said the tabernacle, built

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## 12 Dead In Commuter's Train Crash

### One Heavily Loaded Car Plows Into One Ahead On Viaduct In London

London, April 2 (AP)—A crowded rush hour commuting train plowed into the rear of another on a 60-foot viaduct between Battersea park and Victoria Station today, killing 12 persons, injuring 40 and sending dazed survivors teetering like tight-rope walkers along the narrow track way. Even a worse tragedy was averted

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