

TWENTY-FOURTH YEAR

## FRESH CLASHES OF JAPS AND CHINESE OCCUR AT PEIPING

Japanese Losses Increased to 20 Killed and 60 Wounded Since Fighting Began

REINFORCEMENTS TO BOTH SIDES READY

Chinese Accuse Japs of Trying To Provoke Conflict as Pretext to Extending Their Territory There; Japs Throwing Up Strong Fortifications

(By The Associated Press.) Japanese officials at Peiping reported new clashes between Chinese and Japanese forces in North China today, increasing Japanese losses to 20 killed and 60 wounded.

The said the Japanese army was compelled "to take adequate measures" because of the intermittent fighting for the past ten days.

Both sides were reported moving heavy reinforcements toward the Peiping area of undeclared war, where the Chinese accuse Japan of attempting to provoke still wider conflict as a pretext for extending her influence there.

Japanese said 100 Chinese soldiers were disarmed 28 miles southeast of Peiping and other Chinese troops disbursed after an exchange of fire.

A Japanese official said two new Japanese deaths occurred yesterday in a clash between a Chinese force and Japanese troops at a station eight miles south of Peiping on the Peiping-Tientsin railroad.

Chinese reports said Japanese fortifications were being rushed in a semi-circle to isolate Peiping from the rest of China. Japanese, Korean and wealthy Chinese residents began to flee.

## Posses On Trail For Fugitives

Sapulpa, Okla., July 16.—(AP)—Possemen stood watch on blockaded highways today for Roy "Pete" Traxler, the southwest's No. 1 badman, believed fleeing northward after releasing the kidnapped son of a wealthy New York oil man.

The youth, 21-year-old Baird Markham, son of General Baird Markham, an official of the American Petroleum Institute was seized near Ada, Okla., bullet, and two companions, all escaped. Texas convicts, took young Markham's car and forced him to accompany them. Markham was released near here after eight hours and 15 minutes during which time he said the men criss-crossed over the country trying to escape a posse.

Markham, a Yale student, is working for an oil company during the summer. His family formerly lived in Oklahoma City. Young Markham said all three men admitted they were fugitives from the Texas Prison Farm at Huntsville, Beside Traxler, he identified a second man as Charles Chapman. Chapman was wounded in the shoulder, Markham said.

The third man, Markham said, was referred to as "Fred." Fred Tindol, of Jasper, Texas, was one of the nine men who with Traxler and Chapman escaped the farm amid gunfire July 8.

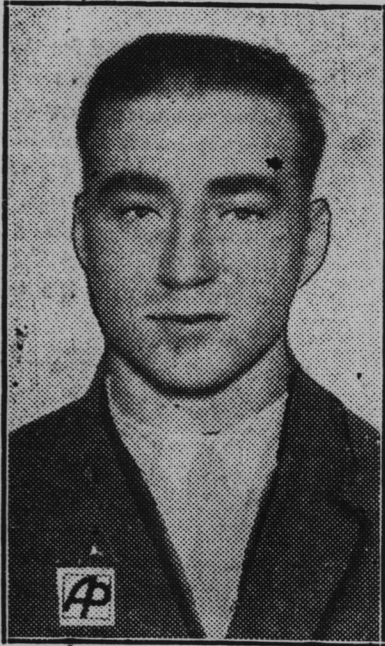
## GOVERNOR BACK IN MOUNTAIN SECTION

Will Mix in Few Speeches With Stay at Blowing Rock and Boone

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Star-Walter Hotel, Raleigh, July 16.—Governor Clyde R. Hoey is back in the mountains again for a few days more of rest and speechmaking. For Governor Hoey's idea of a perfect vacation is to sprinkle a few speeches along through it, at the rate of at least one speech every other day. He left here late yesterday afternoon for Blowing Rock, where he will spend today and tonight, without making any speeches. Saturday Governor Hoey will go over to Roaring Gap, in Alleghany county, to make a speech before the annual convention of the Southern Traffic Conference, at which most of the southern states will be represented, and at which traffic problems also freight rates and allied subjects, will be discussed. Governor Hoey will return to Blowing Rock over Sunday, and Monday will go to Boone, where he will make an address before the summer school students at Appalachian Teachers College there.

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### Held For Slaying



A man identified by Lieut. Leo Jenkins of the South Carolina Highway Patrol as Robert S. Smith (above), escaped North Carolina convict, was arrested at Georgetown, S. C., in connection with the Fourth of July slaying of Policeman E. Frank Sewell at Lancaster, S. C., after an automobile chase from Myrtle Beach. He was taken to the State penitentiary at Columbia for safe keeping.

## PREACHER ADMITS KILLING OF WOMAN

Says She Was Leaving Her Home and Husband, and Wanted Him To Go

Pittsfield, Ill., July 16 (AP)—An eleven-page signed statement of a soft spoken pastor that he struck "his devoted friend," Mrs. Dennis Kelly, with a hammer during a roadside quarrel after she deserted her husband, was claimed by authorities today.

They said it solved the bizarre Mississippi river floating body mystery. Rev. C. E. Newton, 51, a married man, toiled in rolled shirt sleeves and stocking feet for six hours in the jail here over his version of how his former Paris, Mo., parishioner met violent death.

State's Attorney Merrill Johnston, of Pike county, Ill., announced the statement.

Johnston quoted Newton as saying Mrs. Kelly insisted he accompany her.

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## EXPECT ARREST OF RED-HAIRED WOMAN

South Carolina Officer Says Suspect May Be Taken Momentarily Out of State

Columbia, S. C., July 16 (AP)—Arrest of the red-headed woman in the Sowell murder case at a point "outside the State" was expected momentarily today by Lieut. Leo Jenkins, State highway patrol identification officer, who has been in charge of the investigation since the Lancaster policeman was shot July 4.

"We've run down a good many red-headed women since this case started," Jenkins said, "but I think we have something definite now. Every red-headed woman in the South who has acted a little strangely has come under some sort of suspicion from somebody."

Jenkins would not reveal where the search for the woman was centered, but said he would likely have a story later in the day.

Robert S. Smith, an escaped North Carolina convict, was held in the State penitentiary for Sowell's slaying, and the red-haired woman wanted as his companion when the policeman was killed.

## JOHNSON DOES NOT WANT PRISON JOB

Highway Commissioner Makes Denial, But Rumors Are Persistent

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Star-Walter Hotel, Raleigh, July 16.—Reports to the effect that the State Highway and Public Works Commission is seeking some one other than Oscar Pitts to head the prison division and that Commissioner Robert Grady Johnson, of Pender county, and a member of the commission from the fourth division might be offered the job, with Pitts retained as assistant director, were spiced here today by Commissioner Johnson, who

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### Robinson Successor?



Gov. Carl Bailey Gov. Carl Bailey of Arkansas is among those mentioned as likely successors to the senate seat left vacant with the death of Senator Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas. The other Arkansas senatorial post is held by Hattie Caraway.

## 2 Negroes Pay Penalty In Gas Room

Confession Made Of Murder of Charlotte Taxi Driver; Delay Second Man

Raleigh, July 16.—(AP)—Fred Steele and Samuel James Jones died in the lethal gas chamber today for the slaying of a Mecklenburg county taxicab operator.

Steele went to his death first and Warden H. H. Honeycutt said he confessed his guilt and implicated Jones. The executions started at 8:30 a. m., earliest on record here, and Jones was pronounced dead at 9:45 a. m.

There was a delay between the executions while Dr. G. S. Coleman, prison physician, treated a prisoner rushed to the hospital with a severed artery received while working at nearby Polk prison farm.

Steele, 24, native of Gaston county, walked into the death chamber at 8:40 a. m., after witnesses had watched the warden and prison attaches make last minute preparations. The gas was started at 8:42 a. m., and ten minutes and 57 seconds later Dr. Coleman pronounced him dead.

After the chamber had been cleared of gas and the physician had returned, Jones walked in at 9:41 a. m., and the gas was started at 9:43. He died in ten minutes, 43 seconds, but appeared to lose consciousness after less than half a minute.

Steele, Warden Honeycutt said, admitted he fired two shots into the body of Thomas Clifford Fowler, Charlotte taxicab operator, and contended Jones shot the man once. Jones, 21, said he was with Steele, but walked off just before Fowler was shot, later rejoining Steele to go off and go to sleep. This morning, the warden and Rev. K. P. Battle said, Jones told them he guessed he was guilty under the law, as he was with Steele, but he still contended he did not actually participate in the killing.

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## Roosevelt Won't Halt Business, Babson Thinks

Can't Afford to, for Democrats Can Hold Power Only So Long as Business Stays Good; Prosperity Needed To Finance Government; Buy Good Stocks

BY ROGER W. BABSON, Copyright 1937, Publishers Financial Bureau, Inc. Babson Park, Mass., July 16.—Bankers and brokers doubtlessly commit many sins. We all do for that matter. It is not their fault, however, that people reach for stocks when the market is high and active, as in September, 1929, or July, 1933, and because people refuse to pick-up stocks when the market is low and dull, as during the past few weeks. The bad fact is that the vast majority of those who purchase stocks use no sense or logic as to when to buy. They buy only when stocks are high and boiling. They should invest when stocks are low and listless. That means that now may be a good time to buy. Why I Am Bullish. For over thirty years I have studied

## ROOSEVELT LEADS FINAL TRIBUTE FOR SENATOR ROBINSON

Nation's Great Assemble In Senate Chamber for State Funeral for Great Leader

AIR STRONG WITH FLORAL FRAGRANCE

Special Seats Provided Next to Bier for Members of Family; Mrs. Hattie Caraway, Widow of Former Arkansas Senator, Sits By Robinson's Vacant Chair

Washington, July 16 (AP)—The nation's great, led by President Roosevelt, paid their last respects today to the late Joseph T. Robinson, in the Senate chamber.

At the stroke of noon, the throng of frock-coated dignitaries headed into the gold and marble Senate chamber for a simple State funeral. The air was heavy with the fragrance of flowers.

Linen-clad spectators crowded the galleries. The dead leader's massive silver casket, almost hidden by wreaths, occupied the center of the hall. An arm's length away stood the empty chair Robinson had used during the last of his 24 years in the Senate.

Special seats flanking the bier were occupied by his immediate relatives, Mrs. Robinson, her brothers, Charles and Grady Miller and their families; Joseph Brewer and Joseph Robinson, Jr., nephews of the senator, and their wives.

Mrs. Hattie Caraway, Robinson's colleague from Arkansas, sat next to his vacant chair in the front row. She was dressed in black.

The widow wept as the Rev. Z. T. Phillips, Senate chaplain, intoned the century-old Episcopal service.

The gray-haired minister intoned a few verses from the gospel of St. John — "In my Father's house are many mansions" — as the audience sat in reverent stillness.

During the reading, President Roosevelt sat with his hands clasped in his lap and his eyes downcast. Dr. James Shearer Montgomery, House chaplain, pronounced the benediction.

## FURTHER DECLINES IN COTTON MARKET

Wall Street Liquidation on Favorable Crop Advances Depresses The Market

New York, July 16.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened barely steady 6 to 18 points lower under Wall Street liquidation, owing to favorable crop advances. October recovered from 11.96 to 12.05, leaving prices generally 5 to 11 points net lower, except July, which was 23 points lower. October advanced on moderate demand to 12.07 and prices generally were 2 to 6 points net lower at midday.

Futures closed steady, 3 to 9 points lower. Spot quiet, middling 12.52. Open Close October 12.02 12.02 December 11.92 11.97 January 11.94 11.97 March 12.03 12.05 May 12.05 12.07



FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Generally fair and continued warm tonight and Saturday.

## Senators Are Still Hopeful Roosevelt Will Find Way To Avoid Court Fight Renewal

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Senator Alben W. Barkley

Senator Pat Harrison

Among those mentioned as possible successors to the majority leadership position in the senate left vacant with the sudden death of Joseph T. Robinson are Senators Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky and Pat Harrison of Mississippi, chairman of the senate finance committee. Barkley, assistant majority leader, is said to be favored by New Dealers. Anti-court Democrats are said to be for Harrison.

—Central Press

## Peace Plan For Spanish 'Acceptable'

Powers Unanimous On It As "Working Basis" for Limiting Spanish War

London, July 16.—(AP)—The British compromise plan for keeping European hands off Spain was reported unanimously accepted as "a basis for discussion" today, an hour after the committee of 27 powers resumed afternoon deliberations.

A sub-committee was expected to meet Tuesday to consider details of the agreement.

A conference had been recessed for several hours when Charles Corbin, French ambassador to London said he needed time to get further instructions.

A French cabinet meeting, it was learned, has instructed Corbin to approve the plan "in principle" only.

The ministers meeting with French President Albert Lebrun decided France would insist on "substantial progress" in establishing control of Spain's ports and the withdrawal of

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## Airmen Near End Of Earhart Hunt

Honolulu, July 16.—(AP)—Navy airmen, plagued by scorching heat and blinding rain squalls, moved today toward the close of their apparently hopeless South Seas hunt for Amelia Earhart and Frederick Noonan.

Four massed flights over the vast equatorial area, where the pair vanished July 2, have netted not a clue to the fliers from the aircraft carrier Lexington.

Somewhere in the waters surrounding Howland island the aviator and the navigator disappeared while attempting a 2,570-mile flight to the mile and a half long island from New Guinea.

Aboard Coast Guard Cutter Itasca, July 16.—(AP)—The Itasca headed back toward Howland island today after searching the Gilbert Islands group for three days without finding a trace of Amelia Earhart and Navigator Frederick Noonan who vanished July 2 while enroute from New Guinea to Howland Island on their globe-girdling flight.

## GARNER MAY FEAR TIE IN COURT VOTE

And Some Senators Are Calling Farley's Bluff With Big Stick

By CHARLES F. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, July 16.—Whatever day in whatever month it may be else where it is July 6 in the Senate. It's whatever date it may really happen to be in the House of Representatives, however.

That is to say, when the Senate gets so tired that it cannot stand it any longer, it does not adjourn until

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## ONSLOW MAN DIES OF SPIDER'S BITE

Joseph Banks, 52, Lumberman of Richlands, Did Not Know When He Was Actually Bitten

New Bern, July 16 (AP)—Joseph Banks, 52, prominent lumberman of Richlands, died in a Kinston hospital Wednesday night and the death certificate said death was due to the bite of a poisonous spider. Funeral service was held at Richlands Thursday afternoon.

Banks was quoted as stating before he died he did not know when he was bitten. He first felt pains Monday night. He was taken to a Kinston hospital Tuesday and died the following night.

## FDR NOW ACCUSED OF VIOLATIONS OF RESPECT TO DEAD

McNary Says Only Conferences After Robinson's Death Were at the White House

CALLER SURPRISED AT BARKLEY LETTER

Gillette Talked With President Thursday; Petitions Circulated Asking for Enactment of Farm Measure Embracing "Ever Normal Granary"

Washington, July 16.—(AP)—Senator Gillette, Democrat, Iowa, expressed a hope today President Roosevelt would still "see fit to take some action to forestall 'resumption of hostilities' over the court reform program."

Gillette was one of four Democratic senators who urged the President yesterday to sidetrack the court legislation.

New echoes from the presidential letter asserting it was "the duty of Congress" to act on the judiciary reform legislation at this session were heard immediately after today's State funeral for Senator Robinson. Senator Burke, Democrat, Nebraska, a leading court bill foe, said: "Some one has lost his sense of proportion."

Senator McNary, Republican leader commenting on the chief executive's charge the period for mourning Robinson's death was being violated, declared "it was only at the White House that conferences were held, and political activity was observable."

Gillette expressed frank surprise that the presidential communication

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## Labor Body Accusation Hits Steel

Washington, July 16 (AP)—The National Labor Relations Board charged the Republic Steel Corporation today with a long list of "unfair labor practices" before and during the recent steel strike.

The board ordered a hearing here Wednesday on its complaint, which covered only the company's Ohio plants.

First item on the board's complaint list was its allegation the company discharged 75 employees for joining the SWOC, subsidiary of the John Lewis CIO. Other workers were threatened with discharge, the board said.

It added Mossillon, Ohio, and Canton, Ohio employees were "locked out" as the result of union activity.

The company also was charged with "maintenance of extensive arsenals" at the Youngstown, Niles, Warren, Canton and Cleveland plants "for the purpose of interfering with, restraining and coercing its employees at said

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## Oil Blast Threatens In Jersey

Atlantic City, N. J., July 16 (AP)—A series of explosions at the Pure Oil Company storage plant, including two 10,000-gallon gasoline tanks, flooded a square city block with burning fluid and injured at least ten persons today.

Beaten back by the heat of the flames and the possibility of more explosions, firemen dragged hose to the roof of the nearby editorial building of the Atlantic Press-Union newspapers, and aimed streams of water onto the streets and in the direction of the neighboring A. & P. Coal Company yard, where gasoline and flames were seeping into the fuel.

The injured, including three firemen, were taken to hospitals for first aid treatment. None was believed seriously hurt.

Occupants of tenements and business buildings evacuated as the firemen directed their efforts to confining the blaze to the immediate area.