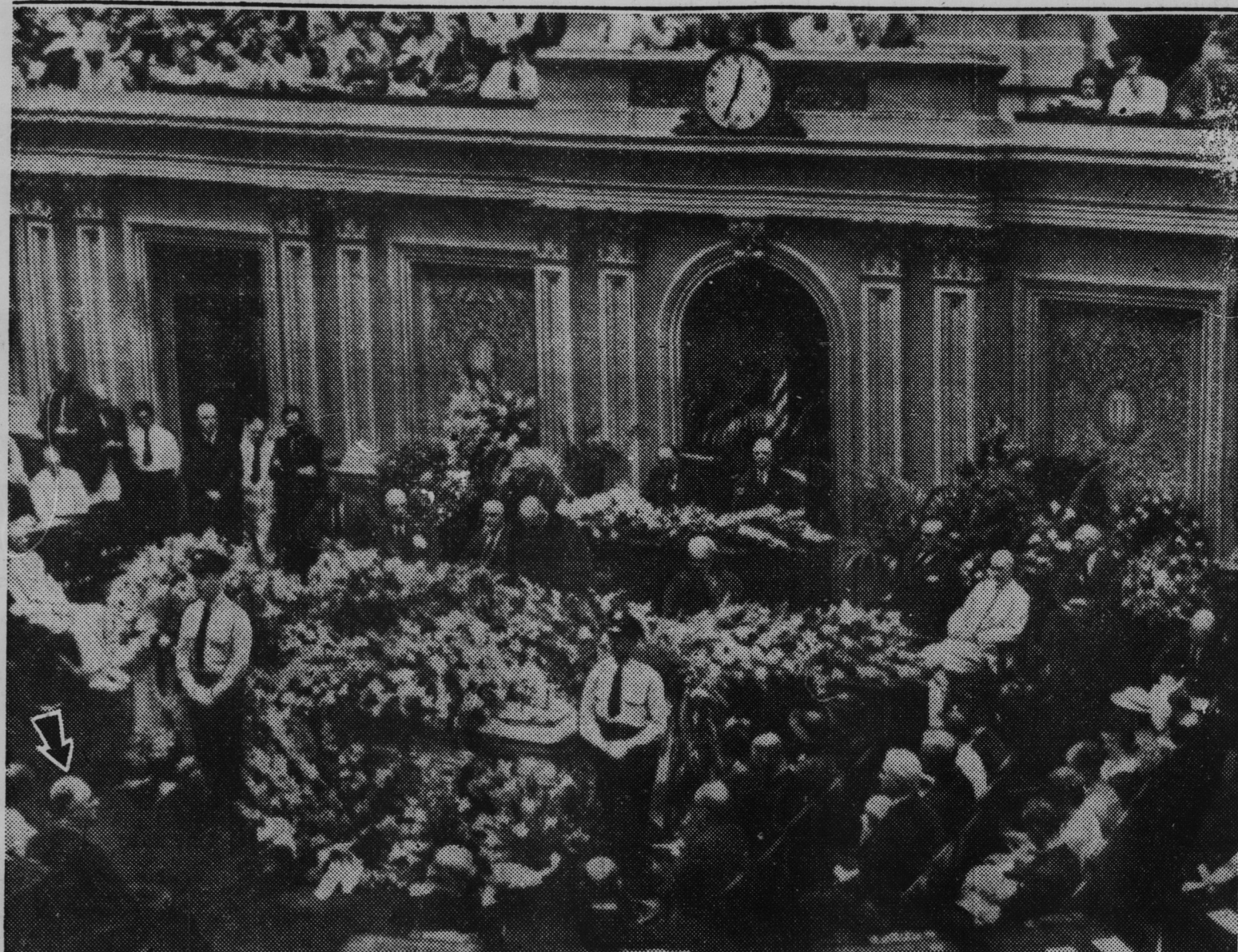


# FAR EAST OUTLOOK WORRIES PRESIDENT

## Senate Bows Its Head Before Its Dead Leader



A general view of the scene in the United States Senate building yesterday during the services held in tribute to the memory of Senator Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas, majority leader. Arrow at lower left indicates President Roosevelt. On the rostrum, left to right, are Senator William B. Bankhead, of Alabama; Senator Key Pittman, of Nevada, chairman pro tem, and senate chaplain Zebarney T. Phillips, officiating. At the other right are members of the cabinet and the family of Senator Robinson.

## FUNERAL TRAIN IS ALIVE WITH FIGHT FOR ROBINSON JOB

Supporters of Harrison and Barkley Canvass Senate Group From Car To Car

## MORE THAN THIRD OF SENATE ALONG

Preliminary Canvass Indicates Neither Candidate Can Be Sure of Majority in Caucus Wednesday; Foes of Court Bill Are Supporting Harrison

Aboard Robinson Funeral Train, July 17 (AP)—This crowded special train carrying the body of Senator Joseph T. Robinson, Democrat, Arkansas, to his Little Rock home for burial, hummed today with a thinly-veiled struggle for the Democratic leadership of the Senate, left vacant by his death. Out of respect for their dead chief, the two main candidates for his post, Senator Alben Barkley, Democrat, Kentucky and Pat Harrison, Democrat, Mississippi, held them selves carefully aloof from the contest.

Their supporters however, circulated quietly from car to car soliciting votes from the 38 senators who are accompanying the body to the State funeral in the Arkansas capital Sunday. Their preliminary canvasses indicated neither candidate could be confident of victory Wednesday when Robinson's successor will be chosen in a secret party caucus at Washington. Opponents of the President's court bill rallied almost solidly behind Harrison, in the belief he would find a way to bring the bitter fight over the measure to a speedy end. They claimed they had about 30 votes already pledged for him.

## Speedy End Over Truck Strike Seen

Muskegon, Mich., July 17.—(AP)—Governor Frank Murphy predicted a "speedy settlement" and negotiators for both sides sought an end to the Statewide truck strike today amid conflicting reports of a truce already in effect.

Both union leaders and operators agreed to send representatives to a noon conference here called by Governor Murphy, while a company spokesman disputed a union announcement of a 30-day truce. The truce announcement was branded by J. L. Heath, chairman of the employees negotiating committee at Lansing, as "must be a face-saving gesture on the part of union organizers."

## Increase In Tobacco In Orient May Reduce Demand For U. S. Leaf

Washington, July 17 (AP)—The Agriculture Department said today a sharp increase in the aggregate of flue-cured tobacco in the Orient may reduce imports of American tobacco during the marketing season that begins in October. The Shanghai office of the Bureau of Agriculture Economics estimated the 1937 tobacco acreage in China, Manchuria and Japan at 245,000 acres, compared with 211,000 acres harvest last season and the 1931-35 average of 144,000 acres. With average yields, the bureau

## Navy Ships Withdrawing After Hunt

Honolulu, July 17 (AP)—Tapering off the seemingly hopeless South Seas hunt for Amelia Earhart, the first two vessels in the search started homeward today. The aircraft carrier Lexington and three destroyers remained to comb the torrid areas where the aviatrix and her navigator vanished two weeks ago.

The coast guard cutter Itasca and the mine sweeper Swan were ordered in effect. Both union leaders and operators agreed to send representatives to a noon conference here called by Governor Murphy, while a company spokesman disputed a union announcement of a 30-day truce.

## BIG LOSS IN FIRE IN ATLANTIC CITY

Explosions Wreck Pure Oil Tanks, With 30 Firemen in Hospitals; 170 Injured

Atlantic City, N. J., July 17 (AP)—Half a dozen rusty steel tanks, warped and split asunder by a series of explosions yesterday at the Pure Oil Company's storage plant, yawned on Virginia avenue today as 30 scorched and bruised firemen lay bandaged in hospital beds. Seven policemen and an untold number of spectators wore bandages. Miss Nellie McGurran, head of the city hospital, calculated more than 170 persons were treated for injuries. Fire authorities estimated the property damage at from \$80,000 to \$100,000.

## Mysteriously Slain



Dr. George W. Webster, youthful chief obstetrician of the Homeopathic Hospital at Providence, was mysteriously murdered by a man who fired three bullets into his stomach as he answered the doorbell of his fashionable home in Providence. He died before police could get a description of his killer. (Central Press)

## DEATH OF DOCTOR STILL IS MYSTERY

Two Women Questioned In Providence Slaying, but Neither Accused

Providence, R. I., July 17.—(AP)—Two comely women were the objects of interest today in the mysterious death of Dr. George Webster, fashionable physician. The physician was shot fatally in the doorway of his home early yesterday. Questioned by police yesterday and released to appear when wanted, pretty Dorothea Gilligan, secretary for eight years of the slain 38-year-old homeopathic-obstetrician, in an interview today said the "killing was horrible." She refused to discuss the case further, saying police warned her not to. Elizabeth Prince, 25, roommate of Miss Gilligan, also was questioned. Neither woman has been charged with any crime, and Deputy Superintendent James Cusick, of the detective division, would not indicate definitely the exact course of the investigation. Miss Prince was questioned yesterday by police, who kept her identity secret. Released, she was taken into custody again last night and held in the lock-up.

## Tammany Is Divided Over New Dealers

Will Run Senator Copeland for Mayor; Whalen Roosevelt's Candidate

New York, July 17 (AP)—A seven-year-old fight between Franklin D. Roosevelt and Tammany Hall cast its shadow across a muddled, jumbled political puzzle in New York City today. The result was a wide-open split in the ranks of the city's Democratic party with the entrance of United States Senator Royal Copeland and Former Police Commissioner Grover Whalen into the September mayoralty primaries and the prospect the primaries would prove one of the year's major tests of the popularity of the New Deal. Copeland's willingness to run was announced last night by Tammany Leader James Douglas. The senator is a leading opponent of President Roosevelt and the New Deal, and supporting his campaign probably will be former Governor Alfred E. Smith. Just two hours after Douglas announced Copeland would run, the four other Democratic leaders of the city—there is one for each of the five boroughs—declared Whalen was in the race as their candidate. They represent the New Deal in New York. These leaders were trying to get a man to defeat Mayor Fiorella H. LaGuardia, a New Dealer elected on a fusion ticket. Whalen is president of the 1939 World's Fair. The Mayor may run this time on both the Republican and Democratic tickets, and Senator Copeland may al-

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## OUR WEATHER MAN

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy, local thunder-showers Sunday and in north-central portion tonight; not quite so warm in north portion Sunday. WEEKLY WEATHER. South Atlantic States: Fair to partly cloudy, with scattered afternoon thundershowers, entire week; temperature above normal in Florida mostly above normal elsewhere.

## Troops Sought at Pittsboro Hearing For Woman Killer

Pittsboro, July 17.—(AP)—Sheriff George Andrews, said today he had requested the presence of "about a half a dozen" State highway patrolmen here Monday when he will ask a Chatham county grand jury to indict William Perry, 18-year-old Negro for the murder of Mrs. W. T. Hamlett. However, the sheriff said he was looking for no violence. "There is some feeling, but it is not at the point where we expect any trouble," he said. "My own men will be pretty well tied up in court, and I just want the patrolmen to be around in case of a wreck or something."

## THIS STATE DOING BIGGEST ROAD JOB

Yet People Want More Roads, Ward Says; Tells How They Can Be Had

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, July 17.—North Carolina is doing the biggest highway maintenance job in the entire United States, since it has more miles of highway under State maintenance than any other State, not even including Texas, the largest of all the States, Highway Commissioner T. Boddie Ward, of the fourth division,

## JAPAN IS SEEKING CONTROL IN CHINA

Would Hold Ports and Levy Export and Import Taxes On Interior

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## Japs Now Control Most Of Tientsin And Plan To Stay

## SPANISH REGULARS BATTLE INSURGENTS IN MADRID REGION

Government Determined To Smash Franco's Besiegers of the Capital City

## ARMY OF ITALIAN VOLUNTEERS READY

May Be Thrown Against Loyalists from Northwest; One Report Says First Year of Civil War Has Cost Fully One Million Lives in All

Madrid, July 17 (AP)—The Spanish government army, grown to full stature in 365 days of civil warfare, knifed fiercely today at the rear guard of Madrid's insurgent besiegers. Determined to smash the far-flung positions which General Francisco Franco's legions have held during most of the war, General Jose Miaja threw his men forward in the Brunete and Ciempozuelo sectors. Government sources said an insurgent radio station broadcast that from 15,000 to 25,000 Italian volunteers serving with Franco's troops were 100 miles northwest of Madrid ready to proceed to the central front. It was believed the Italians eventually would see service near Madrid. Dispatches from Santander, government-held city on the northern coast, reported increased government air activity. Two insurgent pursuit planes were shot down there yesterday in an air raid, the report said. The insurgent warship Almirante Cervera was reported cruising outside Santander harbor seeking to prevent the entry of British and French ships. On the Madrid front, both government and insurgent commands brought

## COTTON IS CHANGED ONLY VERRY LITTLE

Influence of Higher Cables Offset by Liquidation and Some Better Weather

New York, July 17.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened steady, unchanged to two lower. Influence of higher cables was offset by renewed liquidation continued favorable weather and the unsettled foreign political situation. December recovered from 11.94 to 12 and shortly after the first half hour was selling at 11.98, with prices one to four points net higher. Futures closed steady, unchanged to two lower. Spot steady, middling 12.52.

	Open	Close
October	12.04	12.03
December	11.95	11.95
January	11.97	11.97
March	12.05	12.03
May	12.06	12.06

## Four Perish In Collision At Quantico

Quantico, Va., July 17.—(AP)—A collision of an automobile with an oil-laden truck near here early today burned three men to death and fatally injured a woman. The truck driver, trapped in his cab with a helper, was burned beyond identification. His helper was identified through a metal tag as Reggie Gillespie, 23, Negro, of McColl, S. C. Private N. L. Goodwin, of the U. S. Marine Corps base here, driver of the coupe, was thrown under a flaming truck trailer, where he was fatally burned. Miss Hectorine Marin, 30, of Waterbury, Conn., one of three passengers in Goodwin's car, died several hours later in the Marine base hospital. Private V. J. Platte, of the corps base, and Mrs. Alice Oulet, 24, of Waterbury, escaped serious injury. Investigators were told the accident occurred when Goodwin's car drove to the center of the road to pass another and struck its rear bumper, knocking the Goodwin car into the path of the truck and its oil-laden trailer.

## Events in North China Moving Rapidly Toward Climax To Decide War Threat

## CRACK DIVISIONS OF CHINESE SENT

Fighting Machine Built By Chiang Kai-Shek Hurriedly Sent Forward for Action In Trouble Zone; Battle Would Be Disastrous To Both

Washington, July 17.—(AP)—President Roosevelt summoned Secretary Hull to a luncheon conference today to discuss the troubled Far Eastern situation with particular reference to the United States neutrality laws. The White House aide, who said neutrality would be an important phase of the President's talk with his chief diplomatic advisors, added, however, that the United States government was called upon at the moment to take no direct action beyond exploring all angles of the situation. Hull went to the White House after urging in a general declaration of American foreign policy, "national and international self-restraint." With out mentioning Japan or China, the secretary of state added American interests cannot but be affected by any conflagration in any part of the world.

## CHIANG'S CRACK TROOPS ARE READY FOR ACTION

Tientsin, China, July 17.—(AP)—The Japanese military command took over the last of Tientsin's three rail-way stations today, staked out two airports and began installation of an army communication system. Barbed wire barricades were erected around Japanese mills and warehouses designated for military stores and for troop occupation.

## CHIANG'S CRACK TROOPS REACH HOPEH PROVINCE

(By The Associated Press.) The crisis in north China, drew today toward the climax that may determine whether there will be formal declaration war between Japan and China. Troops of China's national government at Nanking, crack divisions of the fighting machine built by Premier-Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, were reported reliably to have reach-

## Barden Now Feels Chances Good For Eastern Hospital

Washington, July 17.—(AP)—Representative Graham Barden, New Bern, N. C., said today he was greatly encouraged over the prospects for establishment of a veterans hospital in Eastern North Carolina. Barden said Admiral P. S. Rossiter, chairman of a sub-committee named to study the need for the hospital, had submitted the group's report to General Frank Hines, of the Veterans Administration. Barden said Rossiter, surgeon-general of the navy, informed him that while no information would be given on the report, the North Carolina representative would probably be pleased with it.

## 80 To 300 Train Dead At Calcutta

Papna, India, July 17.—(AP)—The death toll in India's most disastrous railway wreck grew today as rescuers pulled scores of bodies from tangled debris of the Junjap-Calcutta Express. The official government railway estimate was 80 dead and 65 hurt, while an unofficial estimate was about 300 dead and 250 injured. The exchange Telegraph (British) news agency gave the unofficial estimate. It previously had fixed the death toll at 281. Bodies could still be seen in the coaches. The express was enroute to Calcutta from Delhi when the engine derailed and toppled over an embankment, dragging with it seven of the nine coaches. Natives were packed in the first seven coaches, 100 each in some of

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