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## Maxwell Estimates On State Revenues To Be "Good News"

Maybank to Allow Six Men to Die

Columbia, S. C., March 20.— (AP)—Governor Burnett R. May-bank refused today to extend clemency to the six men condemn-ed to die for the December 12, 1937, slaying of Captain J. Olin Sanders at the State penitentiary. unless some unexpected court action intervenes, the six men will die in the electric chair early Friday morning. The original death date was March 10, but the governor granted a two weeks re-prieve in order to study the case.

# Little Real Progress In Past Week

Half Step Toward Maxwell will present the figures before the committee resumes consideration of the administration Election Reform Outstanding Legislative
Achievement; Revenue Rill Speeded nue Bill Speeded.

Daily Dispatch Bureau, Do the Sir Walter Hotel. (BY LYNN NISBET)

Raleigh, March 20.—Although the Senate and House both passed on final readings the revenue bill for 1939, together with a whole flock of local measures, the only real progress in legislation was a short step toward election reform.

The apparent speed on the rev-

enue bill was entirely offset by action on appropriations. Amendments to the finance bill cut several hundred thousand dollars off of prospective revenue, on the basis of accepted estimates, and amendments to the appropriations bill added something more than half a million to the proposed expenditures. Not being willing to reopen the whole matter, the Senate Appropriations Committee just deferred action until Tuesday of this week to give the budget com- convicted slayers. mission boys a chance to re-figure estimates and make the thing balance. A large group in the Senate isn't in sympathy with any such syn-

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### Robeson Asks King, Queen

In the Sir Walter Hotel. Daily Dispatch Bureau, BY HENRY AVERILL Raleigh, March 20.-Robeson coun-

ty, boasting the highest percentage of Scotch descendants outside Scotland itself, wants a glimpse of that bonnie lassie, Queen Elizabeth of Charlie and Whitehorse Scotch.

joint resolution inviting King George | many's "march to the east." and Queen Elizabeth to visit the county of Robeson during their stay in the midst of a renewal of conin the United States. Senator Emmett gressional debate over American for H. Bellamy, of New Hanover county, eign policy. is joining McIntyre as co-sponsor of

Across the Bridge of Sighs in the House, Representative Ippie P. Graham and Frank McNeill (note the I am accredited with whom I can names of the Robesonians-McIntyre,

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Figures on Income Tax Receipts To Be Furnished Appropriations Committee Before Spending Bill Is Acted on; Exact Figure Uncertain

Raleigh, March 20.—(AP)—Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell said today "it wouldn't be bad news" that he will present to the State Sen-

that he will present to the State Senate Appropriations Committee this afternoon on income tax receipts.

"The figures will first be given to the committee," said Maxwell, "and I will be working on them right up to report time. But you can say that it won't be bad news."

The commissioner this morning was figuring what estimates should be for receipts for the coming biennium, in view of unexpectedly large receipts last week. receipts last week.

Record income payments of \$11,-296,381 last year had led to estimates of \$10,700,000 for 1939-40, and \$11,-000,000 for 1940-41, but for this year the estimate had been \$8,775,000, due to last year's recession. Last week receipts passed the \$7,700,000 mark, however, and appear to the second secon however, and apparently are still climbing.

be diverted to the general fund this

That would indicate an excess of nearly \$2,000,000 in general fund receipts over original estimates. The 1939-41 budget was based on figures including a highway fund transfer of \$2,000,000 this year. The fiscal

#### Two Slavers Get Paroles at Hands Of Governor Hoey

Raleigh, March 20.—(AP)—Governor Hoey gave paroles today to two

Richard Crockett, given 12 to 18 Walter Dennis, sentenced to six to nine years in Stanley county in April, 1937, for manslaughter and hit-and-run, both were freed on the basis of excellent records and many clemency petitions.

### Legation Of U. S. Closed At Prague

Washington, March 20.—(AP)— The United States closed its lega-England, herself a native of the land tion in Prague today and ordered its of Robert Bruce, Bonnie Prince minister to Czechoslovakia to return to this country. The minister, Wil-To that end, Senator Robert Allen bur J. Carr, was directed to turn the McIntyre, of Lumberton, will tonight legation over to American consular introduce in the upper branch of the officials in Prague, capital of the North Carolina General Assembly a latest country absorbed by Ger-

The order went from Washington

The State Department also released a telegram from Carr, dated March 17, which said:

"There are no officials of the Czechoslovak government to which maintain relations for the protection of the interests of the United States

## Appropriations Bill To Get Approval This Week Speakership

BY HENRY AVERILL.
Raleigh, March 20.—The General ssembly should determine this

week the final form of North Caro-

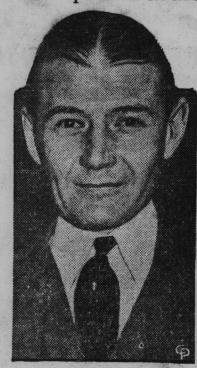
within the bounds of possibility that the Senate will go to either of two extremes after its appropriations

committee confers with Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell and Raleigh, March 20.—Unlike the Budget Director Bob Dayton this two past legislatures, the present afternoon.

One possibility is that the senators one or two outstanding candidates lina's spending bill for the next may become so impressed with the for the next House of Representabiennium. With that done and out new estimates of increased revenue tives. of the way, there will be no great possibilities that they will not only ccept the increases made by the or insurmountable obstacles to a sine die adjournment in the not too distant future, say around April 10, or promise, but will carry through with creetly let the world out that he new and additional appropriations

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To Supreme Court



LEWIS O. DOUGLAS

# Douglas Is Chosen For High Court

Securities Head Given Post by Roosevelt; President Drops Lifting of Legal Debt Limit; Senators Want Business Aid Despite

Washington, March 20.—(AP)—President Roosevelt nominated William O. Douglas, his No. 1 stock market regulator, to be a member of the Supreme Court today. He chose the former Yale University set-up for the next biennium was based on a \$2,200,000 general fund balance, including the transferred funds, and a contemplated transfer that made him famous as a liberal.

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Chose the former Yale University chose the former Yale University law professor, now chairman of the Securities Commission, to succeed Justice Louis D. Brandeis, who retired recently after a long career that made him famous as a liberal.

Mr. Roosevelt also transmitted to Congress a report by Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau that there was no need to lift the present \$45,-000,000,000 legal limit on the public debt. The report added that the \$30,000,000,000 on long-term bonds should be removed, however, and the President asked that Congress take "such action as may be neces-

The administration continued efforts to obtain an additional approyears in Wayne county in August, priation of \$150,000,000 from Con-Walter Dennis, sentenced to six to administrator, made public a stateby-state list of reductions which he said would have to be made in WPA job quotas unless more money was

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#### Columbia Lumber Blaze Damage Put At About \$60,000 tion of Czechoslovakia. On Capitol Hill, however, legisla-

Lumber Company Sunday afternoon.

A hot box in the dry kiln was thought to have caused the conflagration. The planing mill, two dry kilns and all the mill equipment (Continued on Page Three) were destroyed. Flames were finally brought under control late Sunday afternoon through the combined efafternoon through the combined efforts of the Columbia, Plymouth and Moscow Very Edenton fire departments:

Two box cars on a siding, one empty and the other falled with pine lumber, were also destroyed.

Jerry Davenport, and J. W. Collins, two members of the Columbia fire department, were injured. Davenport was carried to a local hospital with a head injury, but was later released. Collins received minor cuts and bruises and a shoulder injury when struck by falling timber.

# Uzzell And Caffey Want

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. By LYNN NISBET

session has failed to develop any

Uzzell, of Rowan, has George cherished speakership ambitions for some time and has quietly and diswould like very much to have the Of course, there are plenty of "ifs and buts" about all this. It is quite within the bounds of possibility that of contemplated in that much-disingular that

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# Roumania To Make Concessions; Hitler To Take Memel This Week

King Carol Reviews His Troops



King Carol of Rumania (right) is pictured with his son, Crown Prince Michael, reviewing troops in Bucharest. The Rumanian Monarch is reported keeping his troops in readiness for any eventuality, following reported rejection of Nazi ultimatum which would give Berlin control of Rumania's industries

# British Program For Defense To Be Revised Upward Again

## Congress Is Aroused On Neutrality

Pittman Plan To Relax Rigid Law Banning Arms Shipments Draws Fire of Foes

Washington, March 20.—(AP)-Sweeping proposals to revise the neutrality act, coming in the midst of Germany's eastward march, reopened today the fiery congressional controversy over American foreign policy.

Administration officials were silent pending disclosure of a formal protest to Germany over its absorp-

Columbia, N. C., March 20.—(AP) tors quickly were taking sides for or against a bill by Chairman Pitt--A fire which did damage estimated at between \$60,000 and \$75,000 at Foreign Relations Committee, to was discovered at the Tyrrell County let warring nations buy arms in this

# Calm, Despite German Dash

Moscow, March 20.—(AP)—Although the Nazi steamroller advanced last week to within several hundred miles of the Soviet Russian border, Moscow has remained, as usual, one of the calmest capitals in

Soviet citizens learned that their government had refused to recognize Adolf Hitler's absorption of Czechoslovakia and had condemned it as "arbitrary, violent and aggressive," there was no hint of panic at the near approach of German troops. It is against this background of pending on how one looks at the calm confidence in Moscow that the matter) of federal proportions. It is against this background of chances of Soviet cooperation with

considered. Vice Defense Commissar L. V Mekhli's prediction was recalled as especially significant today. In a recent speech he said any attempt to invade Soviet Russia would result in "multiplying the number of Soviet republics."

the western democracies must be

#### WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA Partly cloudy and warmer tonight; Tuesday fair, slightly colder in northeast and extreme north portion.

### 1938 Cotton Crop 11,941,702 Bales

Washington, March 20 .- (AP) -The Census Bureau, in its final cotton ginning report of the season, said today that 11,941,702 equivalent 500-pound bales of cot ton, exclusive of linters, had been ginned from the 1938 crop.

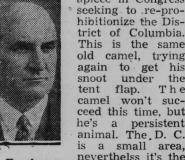
Ginnings were 18.945.028 bales in 1937, and 12,398,882 in 1936. The Agriculture Department, in its final estimate in December, estimated the crop at 12,008,000 equivalent 500-pound bales for 1938.

The ginners by states, in equivalent 500-pound bales for the 1938 crop, with comparative figures for 1937, included: North Carolina, 398,365 and 781,483.

# Are Gaining In Congress

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, March 20.—Senator Lynn J. Frazier of North Dakota and Representative U. S. Guyer of Kansas have a bill apiece in Congress



hibitionize the District of Columbia. This is the same old camel, trying again to get his snoot under the tent flap. The camel won't succeed this time, but he's a persistent animal. The D. C. is a small area,

neverthelss it's the Frazier main entrance to the national big top. With the crit-

ter's nose once intrenched in Washington, the whole critter is in a fair way to shoulder himself, hump and all, into the whole country. It happened thus in war days. There were plenty of dry states even then-more than at present. However, the dry idea was only local-statewide, or less so-until the District was offered as a good or awful example (de-

No individual wet state previously had considered itself bound previously to pay any attention to the dry rule in Kansas for instance. The Sunflower commonwealth, in fact, was regarded as a freak area, not to be taken too seriously.

But the District of Columbia, traditionally, has been looked at as the entire republic's proving ground for all sorts of experiments in legisla-tion, regulation and taxation. This reputation has made it a weird place to live in. Nevertheless, with no voice of their own in their domestic affairs, Washingtonians have had to

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#### One of Three Steps in Answer to Hitler's March Eastward; Russia, Poland and Balkans Invited Into

colossal defense program would again be reviewed as one of the three British steps in answer to Germany's eastward drive in Eu-The British cabinet, meanwhile,

was reported by informed quarters to have decided to communicate immediately with Soviet Russian, Polish and southeastern European governments on formation of a united front against aggression in Europe. Labor and liberal opposition lead-

ers were understood to have pledged support for the government's new policy of resistance to any further Nazi move toward European domi-

In addition to communicating with Moscow and Warsaw, the cabinet was said to have decided on approaches to Roumania, Yugoslavia, Turkey and Bulgaria in its attempt to weld "anti-aggressor" nations into a bloc. Prime Minister Chamberlain dis-

closed to Parliament that Britain was consulting with other nations over the consequences of Germany's absorption of Czechoslovakia. The

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#### Michigan Governor



Pictured above is Luren D. Dickinson, 79, governor of Michigan fol-lowing death of Frank Dwight Fitzgerald, who died in office. Dick-

inson, too, is reported ill.

## Roumania To Keep Rights Politically

Return of Baltic Area To Germany Question Only of Days; Meeting of Diet Friday Expected as Signal of Transfer

Berlin, March 20.—(AP)— Germany and Lithuania were reported today to have come to an understanding on Germany's possible annexation of Memel. The outcome of conversations between Juozas Urbsys, Lithuanian foreign minister, and Joachim von Ribbentrop, Ger-man foreign minister, was de-

scribed as:

1. Germany will receive
Memel with open arms if and
when Memelanders make khown their desire to get "home into the

2. Lithuania will consider her self rid of unnecessary ballast. The ostensible cause for Me-The ostensible cause for Memel's reunion with Germany, however, will be Memel itself and not Germany or Lithuania.

The Memel Landtag, meeting March 25, is expected to raise the cry of self-determination with a demand to "get home to the Reich." Then Hitler's march ing columns would enter Memel as liberators.

Bucharest, Roumania, March 20 .-(AP)-Roumania appeared ready today to make economic concessions to Germany, but stood firmly against surrender of any political rights. Negotiations between Dr. Wilhelm Wohlthat, German trade expert, and Bloc To Stop Germany the Roumanian finance ministry, were taking place here. The discussions were said to be approaching a

London, March 20.—(AP)—Prime
Minister Chamberlain told the House
of Commons today that Britain's
colossal defense.

But it was also asserted that no manian relations were being discussed. Roumanians admitted that their trade with Germany would be increased to a marked degree, but they said that the complete German demands were not being met.

There was to be no yielding of any political points, they insisted. It was revealed that the German absorption of Bohemia-Moravia considerably affected the Roumanian military position. This is because many of Roumania's guns and other military equipment were built by the Skoda works, now in German

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## **Britain Asks** Firm Stand **Toward Foes**

Anti - Aggression Declaration Proposed as Stall Toward Hitler: Halifax Bitter

London, March 20.-(AP)-Authoritative diplomatic quarters said today Britain had proposed an antiaggression declaration by herself, France, Soviet Russia and any other nation willing to join a common "Stop Hitler" front.

These quarters said the anti-aggression measure was offered as a counter proposal to a Russian suggestion for a joint conference of dem ocratic nations to consider means of

resisting possible German aggression. It was not clear whether the Russian proposal envisaged participation of the United States in such a conference. The view in London, however, was that American par-ticipation would be welcomed if it

could be obtained. Viscount Halifax, British foreign secretary, accused Germany of "deprovoking incidents to create an excuse for an invasion of Czechoslovakia." In a speech packed with angry words, he virtually accused Germany of fomenting the secession of Slovakia from the Czechoslovak federation. He told the House of Lords:

"I find it impossible to believe that the sudden decision of certain Slovak leaders to break off from Prague, which was followed so closely by their appeal for protection to the German Reich was reached inde-pendently of outside influence."