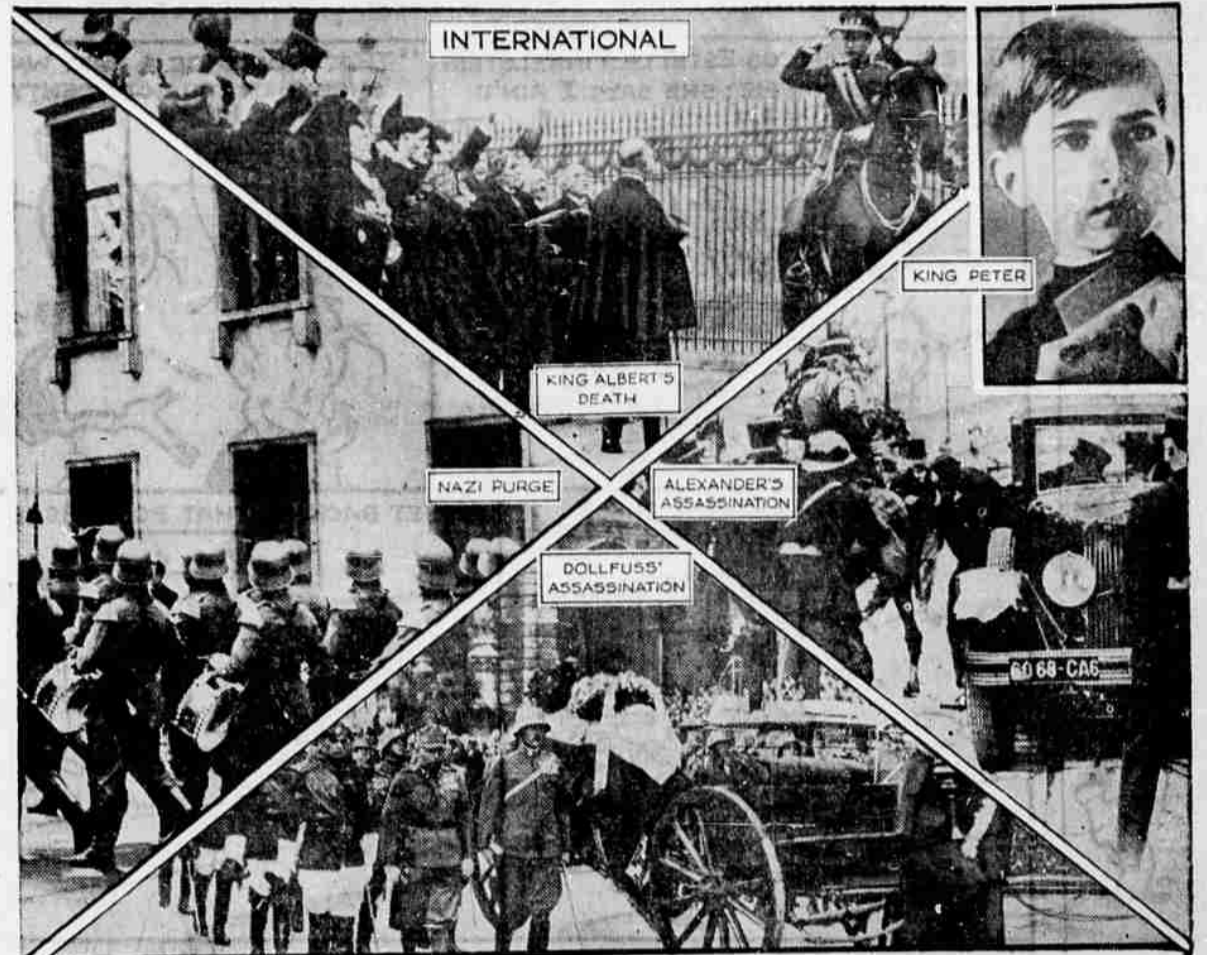


THE DRAMATIC STORY OF 1934 IN PICTURES



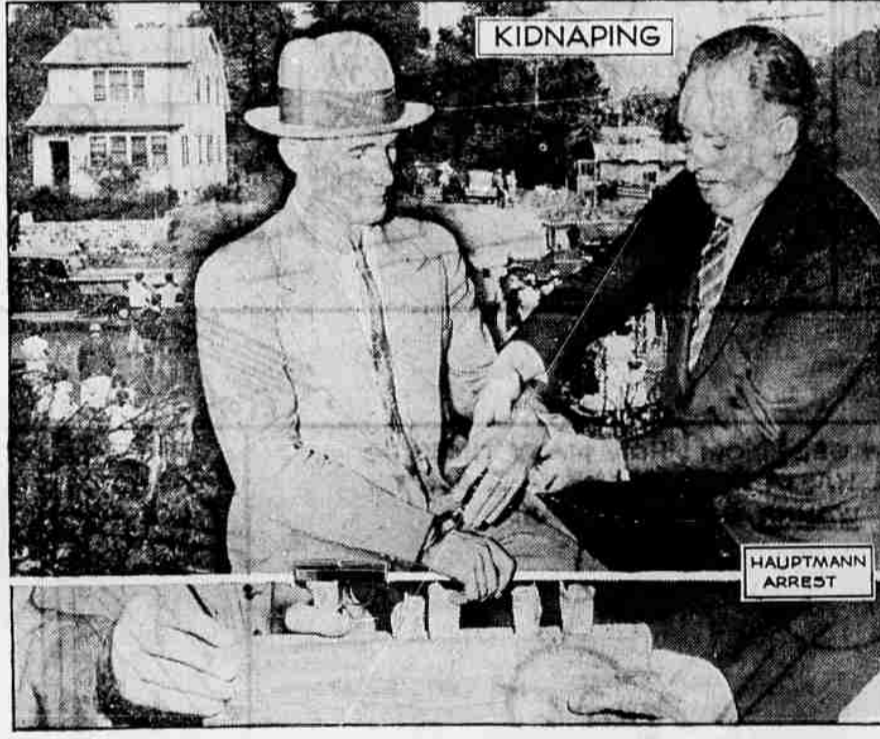
THE RECOVERY ADMINISTRATION, with President Roosevelt at the helm, still smiling and carefree, weathered a year of turmoil in which the San Francisco and other widespread strikes, the midwestern drought, and the on-via Democratic landslide played an important part in the news. The exit of General Hugh Johnson from the scene in the revamping of the NRA and the rising star of Donald Richberg also captured the headlines. (Associated Press Photos)



A CHAIN OF TRAGIC events cast threatening war clouds over Europe in a year during which foreign events figured more in the news month after month than at any time since the World War. The saddening death of King Albert of Belgium and the ascension of his son, Leopold to the vacant throne; Hitler's "blood purge"; assassination of Premier Dollfus of Austria and King Alexander of Yugoslavia studded the year with dramatic events. (Associated Press Photos)



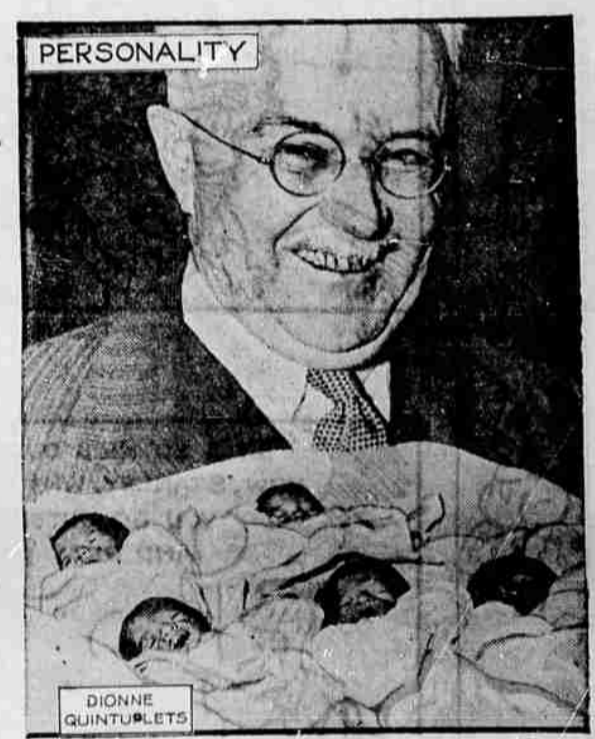
TWO SOCIAL EVENTS, both weddings, found their way into the big news of 1934. The wedding of the Duke of Kent to Princess Marina of Greece assumed the proportions of a world-heralded romance. The marriage of John Jacob Astor to Ellen Tuck French was the highlight of the Newport season. (Associated Press Photos)



PROBABLY NO OTHER single story claimed the place in the public eye that was given to the arrest of Bruno Richard Hauptmann, itinerant German carpenter, on charges of the murder of Charles Lindbergh, Jr., a tragedy that inspired the sympathies of the entire world. The finding of the Lindbergh ransom money and the chain of evidence disclosed leading up to Hauptmann's trial captured an unceasing hold upon the headlines. (Associated Press Photos)



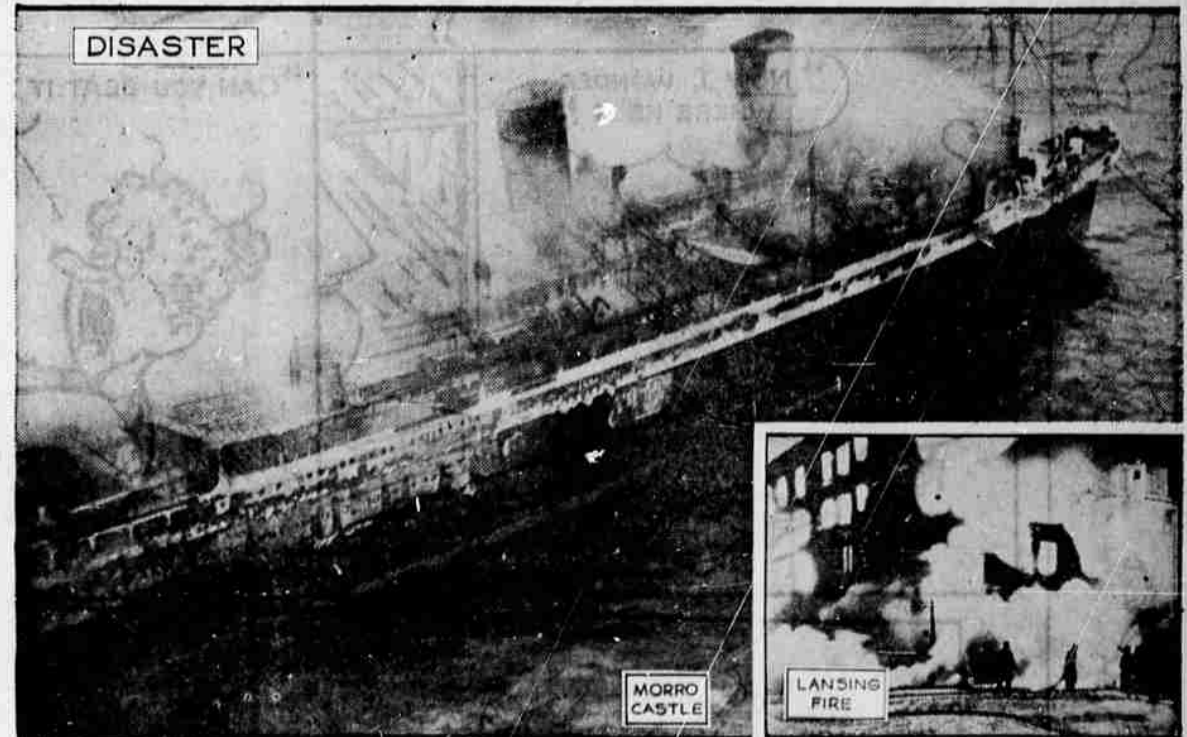
THE KIDNAPING of Mrs. Berry Stoll of Louisville, Ky., and the manhunt instigated by federal authorities for her abductor, Thomas Robinson, Jr., covered the front pages of the nation's newspapers, as did the kidnaping of June Robles. (Associated Press Photos)



OF UNIVERSAL APPEAL was the birth of five girl babies to an obscure couple, the Dionnes, in the Ontario north woods. The quintuplets became the most widely discussed babies in the world and the mild-mannered, gray-haired country doctor who kept them alive, Dr. Allan Roy Dafoe, shared the spotlight with them. (Associated Press Photos)



THE KILLING OF PUBLIC ENEMIES occupied the spotlight throughout 1934 as the federal law enforcement agents, with J. Edgar Hoover (right), head of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice, and Melvin Purvis (left), his Chicago chief, playing the leading roles, staged the greatest drive on crime in modern American history. The year saw John Dillinger, Bad Man No. 1, stretched out on a morgue slab (as shown above) with "Pretty Boy" Floyd, George "Baby Face" Nelson and a host of other notorious outlaws brought down by government guns. (Associated Press Photos)



FIRE AND A TREACHEROUS SEA combined forces to enact principal roles in one of the greatest disasters in history, the burning of the S.S. Morro Castle off the coast of New Jersey, with a death toll of approximately 124 persons. The above photo of the burning vessel serves to recall the stark tragedy, the flames of which have not entirely died down as investigators seek to determine the responsibility for the blaze. Fire struck late in the year at Lansing, Mich., snuffing out some 30 lives as a hotel filled with people was burned to the ground. (Associated Press Photos)