

The Weather  
Unsettled with showers  
today. Monday cloudy, tem-  
perature unchanged. Max.  
Temp. Saturday 47, Min. 31,  
river 10.8 feet, SW wind.

EIGHTY-SIXTH YEAR

# Sit-Down Strike Invoked by Pension Bloc

## Roosevelt Signals "Go Ahead" On Court Reform Legislation

### Minimum Wage Proposal Gets F.R. Attention

Quiet Prevails in Plant at Waukegan; Ouster Effort Abandoned  
Labor Troubles Watched on Many Fronts and Solution Sought

(By the Associated Press)  
President Roosevelt studied a proposed industrial program including minimum wage and hour and voluntary trade agreement provisions yesterday while scattered manufacturers wrestled with individual problems.  
The plan disclosed in Washington called for a board to set up wage and hour standards for each industry to apply to businesses operating in interstate commerce.  
Violations would call for fines or other penalties, but no criminal punishment.  
Quiet prevailed at the Fansteel Metallurgical corporation plant in North Chicago, Ill. About 80 strikers continued in control of two fight-scared buildings. Negotiators sought vainly for a way out of the difficulties.  
Efforts to Expel Sit-Downers Dropped  
Efforts to eject forcibly the sit-downers, who repulsed a two-hour attack Friday, were abandoned, at least temporarily, during the conciliation efforts.  
Elsewhere in the industrial world these developments draw attention:

1. The motor car industry — free from any major disturbances — continued its climb back to normal.

2. CIO leaders disclosed an intensive drive for membership along workers in the oil gasoline and refining industry—including filling station attendants—would be started April 1 with a goal of 1,000,000 members.

3. Negotiations toward a new contract for the soft coal industry were at standstill until Wednesday, with no progress reported for the first week. The present contract expires March 31.

4. In Detroit, President Walter L. Fry of the Fry products company joined 150 "sit-down" strikers in his plant and said he would stay as long as they, unless they threw him out. "If they won't work I won't, and unless I work and sell, they won't have any work to do," Fry said. Six other Detroit plants were held by strikers and seven strikes started within the past week had been settled.

5. A Baltimore judge fined 15 striking taxi drivers \$1,000 each and offered possible committal if the strike were ended quickly.

6. Two American Youth congress leaders were seized and 2,500 young persons scattered in Washington when they started a "sit-down" demonstration near the White House.

### Four Arrests on Traffic Charges

Six motorists were arrested by city police yesterday.  
Fred Paulus, Coquille, was booked last night on charges of violating the basic traffic rule and failing to stop. He was released on \$7.50 bail.  
The others arrested, all on non-stopping charges were:  
Betty Bennett, route two, also charged with driving without an operator's license; Ray Breckenridge, 1850 Elm street; Irwin Smith, route four; Chalmers Brown, 991 South Liberty street, and Edward Ped, 1147 North Commercial street.

### Attack on Bible's Contract Started

AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 20.—(AP)—State Senator L. J. Sulak of Langrange has launched his promised action to force University of Texas regents to rescind their \$15,000 ten-year contract with Coach Dana X. Bible.  
Sulak, who said he was determined to "push the matter," asserted he expected a quick and favorable committee report on his resolution requesting the regents to employ an athletic director and football coach at a salary "commensurate" with faculty salaries.

### Tammany Faces Politics In Efforts to Unseat La Guardia



Mayor La Guardia and Senator Royal Copeland approach of New York's mayoralty election signals a political crisis in the history of Tammany hall. Deprived of prestige and patronage when Mayor Fiorella LaGuardia went into office, the organization is girding itself for a desperate effort to prevent his reelection. J. J. Doelling, Tammany chief, and his cohorts may select Senator Royal S. Copeland as their entry.

### Spanish Blockade Goes Into Effect

Further Volunteers Kept Out, Nations' Pledge; 26 Join in Pact  
(By The Associated Press)  
The civil war in Spain, now in its eighth month, entered a new phase this morning, one which must be fought without the aid of further volunteers from outside for either party.  
European statesmen who helped frame an international agreement to prohibit the flow of foreign volunteers to Spanish battlefields hoped the change meant not merely an end to fears that the conflict might spread throughout the continent but also an early end to the bloody Spanish war itself.  
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### Water Main Bids Called March 15

Bids for the 12th street arterial water main may be called in time for action upon them at the March 15 city council meeting, Cuyler VanPatten, water department manager, said yesterday. At Coos Bay, Ore., was relocated in time for the first April meeting. It is planned.  
Bids will be called only for cast iron pipe, valves and other materials required for the project. Laying of the line, across the city from south to north, is expected to be done by WPA labor under city supervision.

### Vessel Grounded in Channel At Coos Bay Floated Again

SEATTLE, Feb. 20.—(AP)—The Norwegian motorship *Horða*, which grounded in the channel at Coos Bay, Ore., was refloated late tonight and the channel cleared, the coast guard cutter *Onondaga* wireless headquarters here at 11:25 p.m.  
Headquarters said the *Onondaga* made no mention of damage to the vessel, or how soon it would be able to proceed on its interrupted trip from Marshfield, Ore., to New Westminster, B. C.  
The *Onondaga* went from Astoria, Ore., to the *Horða* tonight after the freighter grounded and blocked the channel while putting to sea for the Canadian port. The Merchants Exchange said the *Horða* was under charter to the Latin-American lines and in general cargo service in the South American trade and probably carried no passengers.  
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PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20.—(AP)—The Oregon state board of pilot commissioners began an official investigation of the sinking of the Italian motorship *Feltre* in a collision with the freighter *Edward Luckenbach* in the Columbia river Wednesday, to determine if Captain Isaac Turppa, pilot of the *Feltre*, was at fault.  
The board had no authority to prosecute Captain George McNelly, pilot of the *Luckenbach* steamer, it was explained, since McNelly was operating under a federal rather than a state license. An investigation of the wreck by the United States marine inspection and navigation bureau is also under way.

### Drafting Work To Be Started Monday, Belief

Two Conferences Occur at White House With Big Issue Theme

No Compromise Proposed There, Stated; Senate Group Given Task

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—(AP)—President Roosevelt gave congressional leaders tonight a signal to go ahead with legislation for reorganizing the courts.  
Senators emerging from the second of two conferences at the white house forecast that the senate judiciary committee would begin work Monday on the president's proposal to name six new justices to the supreme court. Hearings will be held, it was indicated.  
The senators said there was no talk of compromise at the white house. As the legislators left, Thomas Corcoran, young presidential adviser who is widely credited with helping draft the court program, went in to dine with the president.  
Two of the dozen senators who attended the conferences tonight, Frazier (R-ND) and Nys (R-ND), already were opposed to the presidential plan, and they said afterward they had not changed their attitude.  
Others who attended the second conference were LaFollette, Wisconsin progressive, and Bone and Schwelbnach, Washington democrats. Bone has proposed a constitutional amendment as a possible substitute for the court reorganization. Schwelbnach and LaFollette have sided with the president.  
Some of these senators said they had general discussion of the court situation and of the various amendments which have been proposed as alternatives for the chief executive's program.

CHAPLAIN RELATES MARINES' HEROISM  
SAN PEDRO, Calif., Feb. 20.—(AP)—Men died with a joke on their lips, and others, though fearfully maimed, concerned themselves with their shipmates and families today, describing the aftermath of the explosion aboard the U. S. S. *Wyoming* last Thursday.  
Seven sailors and marines were killed and 13 were injured when a five-inch shell exploded during exercises.  
"William K. Weber never said a word while he was waiting to be taken to the operating room," the chaplain said. "He just lay there. I asked him what made him so strong, and he grinned and said, 'I must be the beans they feed us.'"  
"Capt. Edward Trumble was barely conscious. But when he opened his eyes, he said, 'Get a doctor for the men. I'm afraid they're hurt.' He died a moment later in the arms of the cook."

### Chaplain Relates Marines' Heroism

Germans Win Bike Race  
Indianapolis, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Heinz Vopel and Gustave Klilian of Germany won the international six-day bicycle race here tonight, beating out the American team of Charley Winter and Freddy Ottevaere on a basis of sprint points.

### Powder Train and Ore Train Smash; Six Persons Dead

QUINCY, Calif., Feb. 20.—(AP)—A speeding ore train smashed into a string of powder-laden cars 700 feet down in the famous Walker copper mine, leaving six workers dead and five injured today.  
Chief Clerk R. E. Reed said the ore train, "traveling at great speed," struck as the powder cars were being unloaded.  
"There was a terrific explosion," he added. "The men were killed almost instantly. The five who were hurt suffered only minor injuries and shock."  
Reed said, however, the quantity of powder exploding was insufficient to damage the mine which for years has been one of the biggest producers of its kind in California. He said he did not know what brought about the collision.  
The blast occurred last night but news of it did not reach the outside world until today.

### Little Done in First 41 Days State Session

Score on Conclusion of Major Legislation Is Still Round Zero

House "Sitdown" Adds to Time Still Necessary Before Adjournment

By JOHN D. MINTO  
Rapidly gaining the reputation as the "do-little" session, the 39th legislative assembly ended its 41st day yesterday completely bogged down under its own weight. The score of important or controversial measures disposed of still stood at zero.  
Moving wearily through a grist of unimportant and generally unnecessary measures, the legislators came to the end of their three dollar days Friday. Of the bills passed not one has been of sufficient importance to achieve even the questionable honor of an executive veto. From Friday to the questionable end, the lawmakers were working "on their own."  
Hopes for a possible adjournment next Saturday went glimmering yesterday afternoon as a group of old age pension advocates laid down the ultimatum, "no pensions—no appropriations," and threatened to hold members here by parliamentary procedure until "doomsday."  
None of controversial issues were decided.  
Without exception, not a single controversial subject has been disposed of by both houses. Deficiency judgment bills have been discarded by both houses, but while that was being accomplished bills to protect the catfish and the bullfrogs have met approval and the coloring in sausage has been regulated.  
Social security measures have been held in committee, pending the introduction of the administration program, scheduled early this week. Parole reform has been held up but is due for appearance on the house calendar Monday.  
Even the Townsend and grange power memorials have failed to come before the senate. Both were passed over a month ago by the representatives.  
Nothing on a state building program has been accomplished. Anti-gambling measures are still to be approved by both houses. Although the senate has defeated a milk control repeal bill, Representative Hogan is still vainly trying to get his measures applying to the milk control out of the house repeal of laws committee. Labor legislation still in committee.  
Labor legislation both pro and anti is still in committee waiting for the adversaries to take the floor first. Taxation measures have not met the test of house votes and highway measures are still sleeping peacefully.  
As proponents seek to gather strength for the measures, the end of the session promises to be lively. Once a sine-die adjournment resolution has been adopted.  
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### Soldier Home For Oregon Is Sought

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20.—(AP)—In view of federal plans to convert the present Old Soldiers' home and Veterans' hospital at Roseburg into a mental institution for veterans, the joint legislative committee of Oregon veterans' organizations announced a decision to push its bill in the Oregon assembly for construction for a new home for old soldiers.  
Louis E. Starr, general chairman of the committee, said the bill providing for a commission empowered to select the site, probably would be reported on the floor of the House Tuesday.

### Clark Gable Here For Visit, Report

Clark Gable, No. 1 male lead of the movies, arrived in Salem shortly before noon Saturday, but remained in the city only a few minutes before leaving to visit friends living outside of Salem, persons who saw and recognized him reported.  
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## Appropriation Bills Blocked By Parliamentary Quibble to Force Out Old Age Aid Issue

### He's Out While Trouble Starts



VERNON D. BULL

### Housing Program Extended 4 Years

Guarantee of Loans Will Continue; Seen as Aid to Building Activity

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—(AP)—President Roosevelt signed today a bill extending for two years the federal housing administration's power to guarantee private loans for home construction and repair.  
Stewart McDonald, federal home housing administrator, said the action was tantamount to giving "a green light" to the home construction industry.  
Without extension of the guarantee, he said, home construction would have been "seriously retarded, perhaps for years."  
McDonald's agency insures home mortgages up to \$10,000, and up to 80 per cent of the appraised value of the property. Payments on the mortgage and interest may be spread over a period as long as 20 years.

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### Tornado Leaves 300 Persons Homeless; Louisiana Is Hit

DUBACH, La., Feb. 20.—(AP)—A seven miles southwest of Dubach. The storm proceeded in a northeasterly direction through the Fellowship and Lixin school communities, leaving wreckage in its wake.  
Midway in its course it went through the north and north-west edge of Dubach, a town of about 500 population.  
J. A. Shealy, Lincoln parish Red Cross head, immediately took steps to provide shelter and food for the victims. He estimated about 50 rural residences were completely razed, leaving about 300 persons homeless.

### Hide-and-Seek Tactics Under "Call of House" Create Bedlam; Ways and Means Committee Is Target

Controversy Still Rages, Threatens Further Tie-up; Others Seek For Strategy to Break Filibuster

SIT-DOWN strike methods invoked suddenly and without the inkling of an advance warning enabled a "pension bloc" in the Oregon house of representatives to stymie the passage of 30 ways and means appropriation bills and threw the assembly into a bedlam of confusion.  
The rally, apparently staged by a group of ten members who twice blocked action by sending one of their number out of the house and then invoking "call of the house" proceedings from which they refused to bulge, had for its announced purpose the forcing of passage of old age pension measures which would set the minimum for assistance at \$30 a month and reduce the age limit from 70 to 65 years.  
As a result of the forced adjournment in the middle of the passage of bills, the house faces a calendar of 83 bills up for third reading Monday.  
Proceedings were stopped by adjournment under call of the house. The house will still be under the call when it convenes Monday morning. The passage of the appropriation bills is usually considered as the beginning of the end of a session as adjournment usually comes soon after they are passed.

### Oregon State Is Winner, Oratory

Whitman and Pacific Tied in Men's Debate With Run-Off Necessary  
McMINNVILLE, Ore., Feb. 20.—(AP)—John McCormick and Ray Siegenal, both of Oregon State college, took first and second places respectively tonight in the finals of the men's oratory division of the seventh annual Linfield college invitational forensic tournament here.  
In the women's oratory, Lily Strom of Seattle Pacific took first with Christine Hunter of Linfield second.  
In the extemporaneous speaking division Jack Leick of College of Puget Sound and Paul Grogger of Weber were first and second respectively.  
Phoebe Hawthorne of Linfield was first for the women, with Beatrice Hale, University of Idaho, second.  
The Pasadena college team, consisting of Caroline Alger and Ada Lou Wolf, took first on the women's debate. Washington State college entrants, Alice Dopp and Lorraine Little, were runners up.  
In the men's debate, teams from Whitman and Pacific were tied, necessitating another or perhaps two more debates to decide the issue.

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**BALLADE of TODAY**  
By H. C.

Though parliamentary expedite up action in the house and every legislator has a yearning to go home, some members still continue new ideas to expense, beneath the Oregon capitol's new non-existent dome.  
Already there are hundreds, almost thousands of new laws, proposed to save the commonwealth from sorrow and distress; but of introducing others, even now, there is no hope; few have any chance of passing but they come in nonetheless.