

Thousands Engage in Bloody Riot in Paris

Cagemen Here; Tourney Opens Today

Sixteen Teams To Start Race For Top Honor

List of Contenders Will Be Reduced to Eight By Late Tonight

Bellfountain and Amity Open; Salem's Game Scheduled 8:30

By PAUL HAUSER
All undefeated, as far as state championship play is concerned, 16 basketball teams from every section of the state today face the slaughter and triumph of the eight game first round with which the 18th annual state basketball tournament gets underway in the Willamette gymnasium at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

When, about 10:30 tonight, Lincoln and North Bend leave the floor here will be eight less teams out after the golden trophy which acclaims high school basketball supremacy in Oregon as the first day takes its heavy toll.

Bellfountain, defending champion and favorite among the B teams, and Amity, a tournament newcomer, will open the festivities when they meet at 1 o'clock and from then on, with hardly a pause between games five tilts will be run off in the afternoon and three more at night.

128 Players Are in an Auto Camp Outside of the City Limits
Nearly all of the eager contestants, 128 basketball players and 16 coaches, were in Salem by late last night. North Bend, coming to the tournament for the first time since 1936, was the first to arrive yesterday afternoon with Klamath Falls coming in right on its heels.

La Grande and Astoria were also yesterday afternoon arrivals and all worked out on the Willamette floor before dinner. While most of the coaches were content to quarter their players in hotels Chapple King, Franklin mentor, indicated that he wanted plenty of peace and quiet for his Quakers when he made a last minute request that they be quartered in an auto camp outside of the city limits.

The eight teams which win today will advance another step toward the finals Saturday while the eight losers will drop to the consolation bracket to play for sixth place until a second defeat ends their tournament careers. No Big Favorites Surprises Likely

Unique because there is no sure-fire favorite, this year's tournament is expected to be filled with surprises and upsets. Few of the teams admitted the best have played consistent basketball while the consistent winners (Turn to page 7, col. 7)

Autocracy Ahead, Bagley's Warning

PORTLAND, Ore., March 16—(AP)—Judge George R. Bagley of Hillsboro told the Portland Rotary club today "uncontrolled autocracy" would replace constitutional government in the United States if the president's supreme court plan succeeds.

Judge Bagley said that congress, in the heat of political demand, often overlooks that it is the first judge of the constitutionality of its acts.

Sty Bothers Roosevelt

WARM SPRINGS, Ga., March 16—(AP)—President Roosevelt was reported by aides today to be treating a sty on his left eye. They said it was of little consequence and was not interfering with his reading of the daily mail from Washington.

New Serial Starting on Feature Page

The Statesman's new serial story "Leisure to Repent" by Ursula Parrott, starts today with the opening installment appearing on page 8 alongside the comics. Hereafter for many years the serial stories have appeared on the editorial page. The change was made to provide a better grouping of features.

FIRST-TIMERS AT ST. HOOP TOURNEY



The Milwaukie high school basketball team which comes to the state basketball tournament for the first time in history. It will play Franklin of Portland at 8 o'clock this afternoon, third game of the tournament. Back row, from left, Coach Norville May, J. Yoshitomi, J. Watts, G. Howe, B. Otto, W. Berner, F. Schulz, D. Miller, Manager K. Van Gordon. Lower row, B. Watts, B. Countryman, D. Swan, G. Miller and T. Abel.

Young Democrats Favor Court Plan

Objection to Snap Action Voiced But Unanimous Vote Is Recorded

Over protests of some members that the resolution was being rushed, the Young Democratic Club of Marion county last night voted on record approving the president's proposed change of the supreme court. Twice voted on, the resolution was adopted unanimously each time. The meeting was held at the Marion hotel.

After being read, the resolution endorsing the change was quickly adopted without discussion. After the vote, Avery Thompson took the floor to oppose the rushing of the resolution. He pointed out that many democrats in congress were not in accord with the president on the question and that he believed the club should take time to study the situation.

The objection to the immediate adoption threw the meeting into a general discussion of new deal policies, during which at least a dozen members rose to their feet to defend the change or oppose the rushing of the endorsement, though no member spoke directly against it. W. L. Gosselin supported the memorial's adoption.

After the discussion had been (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

Tacoma Selection Displeasing Here

PORTLAND, Ore., March 16—(AP)—Disappointment felt by Oregon aeronautical officials over selection of the army of Tacoma as the new air base site, was voiced by Harry K. Coffey, governor of the National Aeronautical association for Oregon.

He said the chamber of commerce committee interested in bringing the base to the Columbia river district would hold a special meeting this week to discuss the action.

"We must smoke out whether it is the fact the army's general staff actually prefers Tacoma, which we sincerely doubt, or whether political pressure was exerted upon it," Coffey said.

Strayer, Burch, MacNaughton Named on State Mining Board

Three members of the governing board of the newly created Oregon department of geology and mineral industries were appointed Tuesday by Governor Charles H. Martin.

Pressure Applied On Court Scheme Rush Holt Claims

WASHINGTON, March 16—(AP)—Senator Rush D. Holt, democrat, West Virginia, charged today President Roosevelt considers reorganization of the supreme court "necessary because that body must be made to goose-step with the president."

Holt, opponent of any change in the court, added in a national radio address: "The federal administration with its powerful force, patronage and prestige, is working day in and day out to drive congressmen and senators into line behind the proposal."

The postmaster general has let it be known that punishment to the independent and reward to the follower will follow the vote on this proposal.

Edward Now Off British Payroll

LONDON, March 16—(AP)—Edward of England, a \$2,000,000 a year man in 1936, is off the payroll and will get no pension from the British government.

Instead, the abdicated monarch must depend upon the royal family for any probable allowance from home, it became apparent tonight with submission of the civil list message to parliament.

The message from his brother-sister-in-law, King George VI, made no mention of Edward, duke of Windsor, but it did return to commons the hereditary revenues from the ducky of Cornwall. These formerly went to Edward, now living in Austria.

Drainage District Debt Cancellation Is Sought

WASHINGTON, March 16—(AP)—Bills introduced today included the following by representatives: Pierce (D-Ore.)—To cancel a balance the Klamath drainage district of Klamath county, Ore., has not paid the government under a contract and to assess the balance against unentered public lands of the district.

Van Winkle said, however, that in both instances the commissioners and board members would have sovereign power in entering into contracts and expending funds, and administrative function. This, he held, was in conflict with the constitutional ban against an individual participating in more than one branch of government—legislative, executive, including the administrative, and the judicial.

Acceptance by a legislator of a position on the fair commission or mining board, would mean automatic relinquishment of the office first held, in this case a seat in the legislature. He added that only legislature could declare the seat vacant. The legislature ignored such ineligibility this session.

Data on Firemen, Police Requested

The Salem civil service commission is preparing to take a more active part in supervising the conduct of the police and fire departments, it was disclosed yesterday by A. A. Gueffroy, chairman. In line with the new program, the chairman revealed the commission has notified Chief of Police Frank A. Minto and Fire Chief Harry R. Hutton that hereafter they will be required to report monthly to the commission regarding the conduct of their men.

This monthly report under the commission's orders must list every violation of civil service regulations by any civil service employee observed during the reporting period. In event no infractions of rules are noted, the chiefs are to make a report to that effect. Either type of report must be signed by the chief making the report, the commission has decreed.

"The purpose of this request," the commission's letters to the chiefs states, "is to have a record of the conduct of each member of the civil service so that in event charges are filed hereafter against any employee, a past record of violations of any regulations will be had by the commission."

Parole Reform Is Association Plea

PORTLAND, Ore., March 16—(AP)—Circuit Judge Robert Tucker said legislative financial support was needed to make Oregon's system of rehabilitating law breakers effective.

He addressed the 13th annual meeting of the Oregon Prison association here today.

"In 1931 the legislature enacted a splendid act for probation and suspension of sentences," Judge Tucker said, "but the difficulty is that money hasn't been provided to obtain trained parole and probation officers."

"The time is coming when there will be sufficient funds to carry out the ideas in Oregon of the parole and probation system now being launched by the federal government," he said.

He said well paid parole and probation officers were essential. "It costs \$250 per capita to maintain the prison," he declared, "but it costs only \$17.50 per capita to sustain the probation system."

Klamath's Timber Cut Sets Record

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., March 16—(AP)—A chamber of commerce survey showed a timber cut of 634,316,373 board feet in 1936 broke all previous records in Klamath county.

The estimated value of \$13,316,373, however, was under the 1928 figure by nearly \$4,000,000.

Court Member Tells View on National Issue

McReynolds Claims Good Sportsmanship Means Accepting Verdict

Frequent Anti-New Deal Vote Says Always Has His Oath in Mind

WASHINGTON, March 16—(AP)—Justice McReynolds of the supreme court told a small fraternal audience tonight that the "evidence of good sportsmanship" was to accept the outcome of a "fair tribunal."

For the first time since President Roosevelt submitted his proposal to reorganize the court, a member of that body expressed some of his own views on the relationship of the court to the government.

McReynolds, speaking extemporaneously at a banquet of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, declared: "I have taken an oath to do justice to the best of my ability, to do justice to rich and poor alike. That obligation I try not to forget."

Big Men and Little Both
"I try to protect the backwoodsman in the hills of Georgia as well as the man of wealth in a mansion on Fifth avenue. And I have the same obligation to the man in the mansion on Fifth avenue as to the humblest man in any walk of life."

He was repeatedly interrupted during his speech by applause. "Courts only decide things that are submitted to them," the justice continued in his rather high pitched voice, "and only things that are in dispute come before them."

"Thousands and thousands of things come before them that are settled to the general satisfaction. If things come that are not settled to the satisfaction of (Turn to page 2, col. 3)

Miller and Green Favor Court Plan

WASHINGTON, March 16—(AP)—Justice Miller, a mild mannered former college professor, took a schoolroom pointer in hand today and gave the senate judiciary committee a lesson on the average size of supreme court justices and its relationship to the frequency of decisions invalidating acts of congress.

Some members of the class unhesitatingly talked back. In fact they heatedly disputed his principal point, supported by a huge chart with big jagged black lines that a "very direct relationship" exists and that when the average size is high, as it is today, such decisions become increasingly numerous.

The committee, conducting hearings on the Roosevelt court reorganization bill, heard Miller after receiving from William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, a vigorous defense of the bill as making for an "easier judicial machinery."

"Labor" supported a quite willing to take its chance with the supreme court in its determination of constitutional questions which vitally affect the lives and happiness of the workers if the court is constantly re-made and re-constructed with men who come from close association with their fellow-men, as recommended by the president."

Indict Brown For Colgaard Slaying

EUGENE, March 16—(AP)—The Lane county grand jury indicted Elwin S. Brown for the murder of Peter Colgaard, aged Elmira merchant, and set next Monday morning as the date for entering plea, after conducting an all-day investigation today.

Brown was lodged in the Lane county jail after being brought back from Corvallis where he was taken for "safe keeping." District Attorney L. L. Ray said he confessed to the assault which resulted in Colgaard's death.

Federal Funds For Buildings Here Provided

PWA Release Upon Basis Of 45 Per Cent Made McNary Declares

Library, Highway Office Building Mentioned; State Act Noted

WASHINGTON, March 16—(AP)—Senator Charles McNary of Oregon said today the public works administration had released funds for 45 per cent of the construction cost of a library and highway building at Salem, Ore.

"It is up to the state to put up the rest of the money," McNary said.

The state legislature has already authorized appropriations of \$1,050,000 for library and office buildings. Of this amount \$550,000 is for "a building or buildings including facilities for the state library" and \$500,000 for a highway department office building.

Under the conditions of PWA grants \$50,000 additional would be obtained from the federal government for the first project and an additional \$410,000 for the highway office building project.

The state also appropriated \$200,000 for land. Whether a federal grant will be made for site purchase is not disclosed in the dispatch from Washington, but at the time of the 1935 special session (Turn to page 2, col. 2)

Mooney Loser in Legislative Move

SACRAMENTO, March 16—(AP)—Thomas J. Mooney, 51-year-old fight for exoneration of the San Francisco Preparedness day parade bombing in 1916 went down to a new defeat today.

The senate by a vote of 34 to 5 refused to pass an assembly resolution asserting his innocence and ordering his release from San Quentin prison.

The ballot was taken with two special policemen patrolling the senate gallery which for more than two hours had listened in tense silence to arguments for and against the proposal to free Mooney.

A few minutes before debate was closed, Senator William F. Knowland, Oakland, who led the opposition, climaxed his argument by reading the roll of the dead in the explosion for which (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

Lowering Profits Tax Latest Move

WASHINGTON, March 16—(AP)—The chamber of commerce of the United States intensified its drive for revision of the undistributed profits tax today with an appeal to trade associations for information on its effects.

In a form letter prepared for circulation among trade association members, the chamber asked whether the levy had forced abandonment of plans for expansion, prevented the creation of "prudent reserves" or caused other corporate difficulties.

Court Issue Interest Shown As Crowd Hears Debate Here

Pros and cons of the president's proposed change of the supreme court were covered last night in a debate at the high school auditorium before a crowd of 200 persons. The event was sponsored by the WPA class in "Problems of Democracy."

Hotel Strike In Detroit Is Soon Settled

By the Associated Press
Quick settlement of strikes resulted in the reopening of four big Detroit hotels last night. Gov. Frank Murphy of Michigan, who intervened after the Book-Cadillac, Detroit-Leland, Fort Shelby and Statler hotels had been temporarily closed to new patrons, announced the termination of the short stalemate.

Police guards had been posted earlier after a shot was fired in a scuffle at the Book-Cadillac. They reported 30 men, led by a waiters and waitresses union organizer, forced their way into the hostility by overpowering two patrolmen and a hotel guard whose pistol discharged into the floor during the tussle. The object of the invasion was organization of a "sitdown" strike.

Meanwhile, 5,000 strikers held eight big Chrysler Motor corporation plants in Detroit for the third day. Under the terms of a circuit court injunction they must leave the property by 9 a. m. Eastern (Turn to page 7, col. 8)

Noted Statesman Of Britain Called

Sir Austin Chamberlain's Death Sudden; Author of Locarno Pact

LONDON, March 16—(AP)—Sir Austin Chamberlain, famous statesman and "father" of the now torn Locarno treaty, died tonight unexpectedly of a heart attack in his west end London home. He was 73 years old.

Leader of the conservative club statesman in the House of Commons, he was chancellor of the exchequer twice, secretary of state for foreign affairs, and secretary of state for India and a member of the war cabinet.

He was the elder son of Joseph Chamberlain, himself a distinguished British statesman, and a half brother of Neville Chamberlain, present chancellor of the exchequer.

It was said of him that he was one of the few men in British public life who "lived the advantages of being the son of a famous man."

His death occurred shortly after 6 p. m. (1 p. m., E.S.T.) as he apparently was recovering from a slight attack or lumbago which had forced him to forego social engagements the past few days.

Attendance Huge At Scout Reunion

Attendance of 450 marked the first "campers' reunion" of the Cascade Area council of Boy Scouts held in connection with a court of honor here Tuesday night. Twenty-four troops of the council were represented with troop 35 of Brownsville winning recognition for having come the longest distance and troop 13 of Salem winning the big cake, prize for the highest percentage of ticket sales.

Robert Simon of troop 3 and John Adams of troop 8 received the star rank. Justice Harry Belt presided at the court of honor, other members of which were L. C. Buchner of Woodburn, Dr. B. F. Nutting of Albany.

Hindenburg on Way

FRANKFURT-ON-MAIN, March 16—(AP)—The Zeppelin Hindenburg took off tonight for South America on the first cruise of the 1937 trans-Atlantic season.

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Blum's Regime Tottering; Six Or More Slain

300 Sent to Hospital as Leftists Attack Meet of Social Party

High Official Is Among Wounded; Premier Is Shaken By Events

PARIS, March 17—(Wednesday)—(AP)—Bloody rioting which was feared to have cost at least six lives in a Paris suburb and sent nearly 300 injured persons to hospitals early today threatened a break in the government of Premier Leon Blum.

Communist masses fought their fiercest political foes, government guards and police in the workers' stronghold of Clichy, just outside the gates of Paris, in a deadly battle which began last night and ended early this morning.

It was the worst rioting the capital has seen since the "bloody Tuesday" of Feb. 6, 1934, and observers said they believed the fate of the popular front government of Premier Blum was in the balance.

Hospital authorities said four civilians and two policemen were dead.

Seek to Prevent Viewing of Movie
The rioting flared forth following the attempt of thousands of leftists to prevent members of the French social party (formerly the crowd defiler) from holding a meeting in a Clichy motion picture theatre to view a picture named "battleground."

Several women were among the wounded.

The communists declared they were battling to prevent "invasion" of their town by the De la Rocque (Six to seven thousand took part in the demonstration.

(Colonel Francois de la Rocque, outstanding leader of the militant right, is chief of the French social party called "Croix de Feu." The Blum government ordered its abandonment a few days after the popular front came into power. It was later revived in the form of a political party of the right.)

Smaller Outbreak Occurs at Another Social Party Meeting

A second social party meeting at Asnières, just across the river Seine from Clichy, provoked a smaller counter-demonstration by about 1000 communists.

The rioting was not ended until about 3000 police, mobile guards and mounted republican guards had been called out.

Among those wounded was Andre Humel, chief of the Blum cabinet's secretariat, who was struck by bullets in one arm and leg when he went with other high officials to Clichy to attempt to quell the disorder. After an operation he was reported to be in a "satisfactory condition."

Premier Leon Blum, pale and apparently much shaken, and Madame Blum, weeping brokenly, drove home early today after a two-hour visit with Humel and other wounded at the hospital.

Tax Receipts On Final Day Heavy

Tax receipts Monday, the last day for payment without penalty, were the most extensive yet experienced during the year. T. J. Brabec, in charge of tax collections, said yesterday. Total receipts for the day were \$94,843 of which \$87,725 was 1937 tax payments.

Though the staff of the collection department was busy waiting on customers all day Monday, taxpayers were not forced to wait long for service.

Yesterday the clerks were checking over mail receipts which were mailed Monday. Brabec said that there was at least a "bushel basket" of mail payments that had not yet been tabulated.

The biggest payment received yesterday came from the Portland second largest taxpayer in the General Electric company, the second largest taxpayer in the county. Its check was for \$57,118. The company also mailed a check for \$1000 to cover taxes of the Molala Electric company.

BALLADE OF TODAY
By R. C.

Young eagles who to championships aspire, we wish you luck, and offer this reflection: though you may win, there's always some goal higher, and if you lose, it's no cause for dejection.