Sunday Sports

The Sunday morning newspaper brings its readers news of imporant Saturday port events more than a day ahead of other papers.



Occasional rain today and

ay, continued cool; Temp. Saturday 50, 88, river 5.1 fect, rain

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quiry into the school disaster which took 455 childrens' and teachers' lives heard A. J. Belew testify today he had warned school officials "it was dangerous" not to install a new gas regulator leading into the main building.

Dr. E. P. Schoch, explosions expert from the faculty of the University of Texas, questioned Belew, representing James B. Clow and Sons company, while in nearby communities reverent thousands bowed in grief at the burials of the dead in rich oil landg.

Sought Saving in Heating, Declared

The court of inquiry adduced first evidence that the reputed richest school in the world had sought to save money by installing an unsafe heating system.

lation of gas caused the blast, asked Belew if he had told officials of the regulator fault. The salesman replied:

"I told Mr. Shaw (W. C. Shaw, school superintendent) that it which light will be sought is the was dangerous. I told him he nature and character of PWA Belew testified that a new gas regulator was installed in the main building some time after January 1 and a change from dry gas to wet gas was made. He said he told school officials the regu-

Building Program Topic For Monday

May 12.

Nature of PWA Aid to Be **Oueried;** Provisions **May Reduce Value**

Monday morning a meeting is scheduled of the the state board of control and the state capitol reconstruction commission. Under

consideration will be the program for purchase of land and erection lowed. No Information From of a library building as authorized Scotland Yard Men in S.B. 411 which is now a law. The responsibility rests on the capitol commission, but the approval Dr. Schoch, who earlier ex- of the board of control is required

pressed a theory that an accumu- before any steps may be taken. The meeting Monday is expected to consider matters of procedure as well as the wisdom of undertaking the work now.

Funeral Corteges One of the early matters on **Jam Rural Roads** When the report came some days ago that PWA had agreed to contribute 45 per cent of of the cost of a library building and a high-way office building it was assumed that this was on the former basis of a direct grant. However a dispatch to the Oregonian last week from its Washington bureau seemed to indicate that the allotment was on the new basis of Rusk county today. The homes and family churches of the 455 victims of the London consolidated school ex-(Turn to page 10, col. 3)

hair's breadth Amelia Earhart officials of Scotland Yard were sidestepped disaster for herself questioning the unnamed man aftand two colleagues today when er the search of a house in a London suburb yielded the knife and she wrecked her \$80,000 "labora number of documents. atory plane" and her world flight It reported that detectives who plans during an attempted dawn raided the man's room found, takeoff for Howland island, 1,-

besides the throwing knife 532 miles out in the Pacific. Tearing down the Luke field wrapped up with a map of the coronation route, more than 100 runway at 50 miles an hour in newspaper clippings giving dethe half light, the powerful plane tails of the coronation procession began swaying under its threeton gasoline load. Details covered by the clip-

The right tire burst. The left pings, it said, included the posiundercarriage gave way, and the tion to be occupied by the king's plane veered to the left. In a carriage in the procession, the flash Miss Earhart "gunned" the times when the procession was left motor in an attempt to level scheduled to pass certain points the ship. and the exact route to be fol-

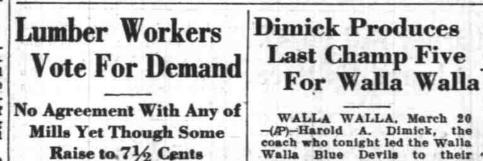
Then the left wing slashed into the ground. **Ignition** Cut Off

To Prev nt Blaze Quickly and cooly Miss Ear-

Inquiries at the special branch of Scotland Yard-the department hart cut the ignition switcheswhich protects royalty and deals and thereby saved herself and her two navigators from possible death in a pyre of gasoline-soaked wreckage. A single spurt of flame came from the hurtling ship. It spun to the right and stopped on its right wing.

Miss Earhart appeared at the

The Giant-Killers from Bellfountain, who won the distinction of being the first quintet from a high school of less than 150 students to win the Oregon basketball championship. What's more, they did it with ease, defeating Lincoln of Portland in the finals 35 to 21. "Bill" Lemmon, Willamette graduate of 1936, turned out this championship team in his first year of coaching, but he hands much of the credit to Kenneth Litchfield, last year's coach and also a Willamette grad. From left, Coach Lemmon, first player not on tournament squad), Wallace, F. Buckingham, Key, Humphrey. S. Buckingham, Larkin, Hinton, Kessler.



-(AP)-Harold A. Dimick, the coach who tonight led the Walla Walla Blue Devils to their fourth state basketball cham**Small Benton Town Is Hoop** Capital Today

Little Fellows Get Lead Early and Increase It as Game Proceeds

Franklin Winds Up Third in State; Awards for Merit Presented

FINAL STANDINGS. Oregon state high school has ketball championship, Bellfountain.

Second place, Lincoln. Third place, Franklin. Fourth place, Salem. Fifth place, Astoria. Sixth place, McLoughlin. Seventh place, Eugene. Eighth place, LaGrande Scores Yesterday Bellfountain 35, Lincoln \$1. Franklin 35, McLoughlin 17. Salem 25, Eugene 23. Astoria 53, LaGrande 33.

Special Awards Player most valuable to his team: Stanley Fish, McLoughlin. KXL trophy for outstanding

would have to reduce the pressure.'

lator would not hold the increased pressure following the change.

George H. Greenway, Dallas heating engineer and an unsuc- meeting cost of labor taken from cessful bidder on the heating con- relief rolls plus 15 per cent, up to tract for the destroyed school a top of 45 per cent of the total building, testified that "It's a cost. Unless this can be changed crime to put gas steam radiators in public buildings. When you put

in 72 such radiators, you have ... 72 chances for individual explosions.' Funerals Held for

Many of Victims

Scores of the 455 victims of the nation's greatest child disaster were lowered into graves as the inquiry court sat in a rambling wooden structure only 50 yards from the remnants of the schoolhouse.

Captain Zachariah Coombes of the Texas national guard sat as judge advocate and closely questioned witnesses who told of construction of the building and heating system, believed by at least one expert to have caused the explosion that turned the once pretentious school into a

wreckage of horror. Contractor Ross Maddox, called to testify concerning the heating system, told the court original plans for building did not call for a gas heating system, but for a boiler.

"The change to gas steam radiation was on account of cost, I presume," he said.

Vincents of Salem Sail

For Orient, Holy Land

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20-Rev. and Mrs. O. R. Vincent, who, after a tour of the orient, will and Europe.

General Strike in

Detroit Is Threat

Will Be Called if Police **Evict Sit-Downers in**

Automotive Plants . DETROIT, March 20-(AP)-The United Automobile Workers of

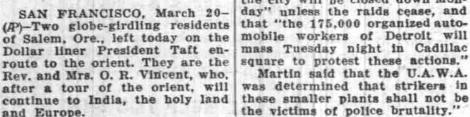
America threatened tonight to call a general strike in Detroit automotive plants unless "the brutal eviction of sit-down strikers and the ruthless clubbing of workers by Detroit police is

stopped immediately." The threat was contained in

a statement issued by Homer Martin, president of the U.A.W. A., after police had ejected strik- 2 p.m. today. ers from the Newton Packing Co. plant and the Bernard Schwartz Cigar Co. factory. Six persons

were injured during rioting which accompanied the ejection of 75 women from the cigar factory. Martin declared that "every

organized automobile plant in the city will be closed down Mon-



Highway Patrolmen Called Out to Aid Traffic as hurt. **Children Are Buried**

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Manning and Fred J. Noonan climbed out unscathed. NEW LONDON, Texas, March "Sure, I'm okay," said Noo 0-(P)-Funeral processions nan as he surveyed the broken jammed the country roads of plane. A few hours later Miss Ear-

hart, Manning, Noonan and Paul (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

plosion Thursday sent a steady **Pumps Gain Upon** stream of hearses and mourners' cars into the highways. Texas highway patrolmen were ordered out on the roads as traf-

fic clogged to a standstill in many places. GRAND COULEE DAM, Wash. A tie-up in the vicinity of Pleasanthill cemetery, where scores March 20-(AP)-Giant pumps turn-were buried during the day, had ed the tide today and gained on

automobiles stopped at times for more than a mile. Processions ready to move from churches and homes waited in project excavation area.

the bright sunshine for an oppor-(Turn to page 2. col. 4)

feet by noon today from the midnight peak, when the water was more than 30 feet deep and **Two Men Die When** threatening to flood the entire east side excavation workings.

The leak was through a metal-Airplane Plunges walled cell of the downstream cofferdam. During the night workmen with lanterns, ladders and

hatchets swarmed over the Nes-EPHRATA, Wash., March 20pelem hills, cutting trees and (AP)-Nosediving after only a few branches to mix with clay and minutes in the air, an airplane gravel which was dumped steadily carried two fliers to their deaths on the outside to cut off the flow in a mass of twisted wreckage a through the defective cell. The mile south of here shortly after brush was used to "bind" the clay to keep it from being washed The victims were Burleigh

through the hole. Nicks, Wenatchee, and Wilbur The flooded area is what for-Anderson, 25, a state patrolman

stationed at Grand Coulee dam. Both were killed almost instantly. Witnesses said the plane dry for the excavation for the cenhad not gained much altitude ter section of the Grand Coulee

when it suddenly dived. Nicks was reported giving instructions to Anderson, Nicks was an experienced pilot. ity in the area.

cabin door as norrified army an PORTLAND, Ore., March 20bulance men dashed up.

(AP)-Members of the Columbia "Something must have gone River district council of the wrong," she said. She was un-Lumber and Sawmill Workers' union began a tabulation of votes The navigators, Captain Harry

today on proposals for a 10-centan-hour wage increase and at the end of a conference an inquiry on the outcome brought the reply:

"It was favorable." The speaker declined to comment further but said another meeting would be held tomorrow. Employers have offered a 71/2-

cent increase. A statement issued said that contrary to reports no union has Water at Coulee contrary to reports no union has obtained "a satisfactory settle-

ment of their demands, although several employers have raised the wages of their employes 71/2 cents." This action has "not

been accepted by any local union as a settlement," the statement water which gushed for two days to form a three-acre lake between asserted. cofferdams in the Grand Coulee

Recommendations for future ne-The water level dropped eight (Turn to page 2, col. 7)

Pinball Petition

Has 22,409 Names

PORTLAND, March 20.-(AP)-More than 4,400 additional names were added today to a petition of interests seeking a referendum on the anti-pinball ordinance estab-

lished by the city. The new list brought the total of signers claimed by pinball interests to 22,409, or nearly double

the 12,125 required. If the signatures are found sufficient by the merly was the riverbed. The stream was diverted three months city auditor, enforcement of the ordinance cannot be attompted ago and the old riverbed pumped pending an election in May, 1938. In the meantime, forces behind

the ordinance indicated an effort foundation dam. The leak caused would be made to pass an emerthe suspension of excavation activgency measure to subvert a possible referendum.

pionship and the second of his eleven-year regime here, will not be back at the state tourney next year-at least with a Wa-Hi squad.

on the Roosevelt court reorganisation bill, urged its passage upon the senate judiciary committee Dimick's contract was not renewed by the board of directors today so that the government when they elected teachers recently. the present outburst of sit-down

Coach of teams that have won 258 games and lost only .45 strikes is only a symptom." since he took hold here in the fall of 1926, Dimick has taken squads to every state basket-ball tournament held since his regime began.

Dimick's successor here has not been named.

Harold Dimick graduated from Willamette university in 1920. He was football captain two years at Willamette and also played basketball and baseball.

gotiations will be made by the dis-(Turn to page 2, col. 7) Oil Blaze Quelled In Oklahoma City joyed the frequently vigorous ex-

OKLAHOMA CITY, March 20an opponent of the bill, he meted (P)-Flaming oil raged for three out some of the treatment that has been given this week to withours in a huge underground

storm sewer in a mile square of nesses favoring the bill. Earlier east side Oklahoma City tonight in the week several law profesbefore firemen brought the blaze

under control. As the flames broke out with a roar in a series of six explosions, Violent Hail Storm at firemen and police rushed into the residential district, roped off the **Gold Beach Is Reported**

streets and kept all persons out, Citizens ran from their homes, Near the fire were large numbers of storage tanks of the east

Oklahoma City oil field. Fire Chief George Ross said a torage tank at the No. 1 Harper Turner oil well of the Griesson Oil company overflower. Crude oil poured down into thestorm sewer.

20 feet in diameter, and became ignited in some manner, he said. SEEKING FOR CHILDREN'S BODIES IN SCHOOL RUINS

Antonia

sportsmanship, Richard Kessler, WASHINGTON, March 20-(AP)-Bellfountain. Judge Ferdinand Pecora of the

New York Justice

Backs Roosevelt

Pecora Hands Opponents'

Medicine Back; Quotes

Connally on Policy

may reach the disease of which

He criticized the recent trend

of supreme court opinions, de-

the economic theories of the

judges. He also asserted the bill

might reasonably be fortified by

a constitutional amendment, and

charged business and finance with

conducting the first sit-down

strike against new deal legisla-

Pecora, who as counsel for the

investigation of Wall street do-

ings, hurled many a question

across the committee table, found

the situations reversed today. He

was the target of cross-examina-

A large crowd thoroughly en-

To Senator Connally (D., Tex.)

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GOLD BEACH, March 20-(AP)-

tion by committee members.

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change.

New York supreme court, first By PAUL HAUSER Jim Corbett best John L. Sulmember of the bench to testify

livan in 1892, Centre colle licked Harvard in 1921 and David beat Goliath several years age but last night Bellfountain beat Lincoln 35 to 21 to become the basketball champion of the state of Oregon

Bellfountain, a town which has no postoffice, no electric lights claring they were predicated upon and is litle more than a cross roads in the Benton county hills, has the state basketball champions, as fine a bunch of ballhandlers that ever made an opposing team look sick. While Bellfountain has

champs and a truckful of trophies the gallant little team which sailed through all opposisenate banking committee in its tion to two state champio really belongs to the basketball fans of Oregon. The little team from a school of 28 pupils in probably the most popular champion that ever won a state basketball title.

Another Portland

Team Gets Lesson

Like they had instructed Franklin, the Portland city champs, in the rudiments of basketball the night before Bellfountain gave Lincoln an object lesson in style, form and sportsmanship last night. The whole Bellfountain student body could be lost without trace in Lincoln high school in Portland but at basketball they had to bew to the ability of Bellfountain,

Just as it had raced like a three alarm fire through Amity Hail stones three-quarters of an and Chiloquin and Franklin, Bellinch in diameter fell here early fountain did it up brown by today in a violent storm and with starting out ahead of Lincoln and keeping there.

heavy snows swept inland ranges. and giving rise to fears that the If there were any honors Bellfountain didn't share last night Curry county lamb crop, seriousy injured by winter storms, they were small ones. From the would be further crippled. (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

Carney Bill Status Cleared; Martin Pinball Measure Law

No fears are entertained by Further investigation indicates Mrs. Hannar Martin, Marion that the Oregon supreme court county representative, ov- has ruled that the engrossed bill ney bill against slot machines. state is to be accepted as valid, Friday the claim was made that despite irregularities in the prohe journal showed Mrs. Martin had offered the wrong motion to eliminate amendments in the house. The engrossed bill deposited with the secretary of state is the same as the original senate bill, with no amendments. "I remember the proceedings as far as action by the legi

which had been made by the house committee when the bill came over from the senate. Rep. McAllister said he would object unless he knew the committee concurred. Rep. Grant of Baker, chairman of the committee, rose to state that the committee was willing to have the amendments it had made stricken from the

er the validity of SB 17, the Car- as filed with the secretary of ceedings. Hannah's Bill Law Says Van Winkle

All of House Bill 159, the Martin bill banning slot machines and pinball devices, is a very well," said Mrs. Martin last ture and governor are concerned, night, "I moved that the horse and will take effect 90 days alrecede, by unanimous consent, ter the close of the legislature, from the committee amendments, subject to the referendum provi-

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The little fellow always h bill. Rep. McAllister thereupon the crowd's support in every fight; onlookers hope he'll win, withdrew his objection. The bill was then passed as it came over whereas the bigger foe is never from the senate. There was no right; but satisfaction's gr question in anyone's mind over what was being voted on. And I am sure in my own mind that I hero's filled the bill and proved followed the correct procedure." f. his right to honors won.



Western Maritime Group to Join Lewis Union, Drop AFL

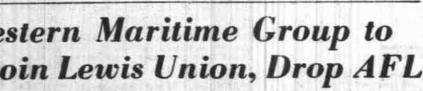
SEATTLE, March 20-(AP)-Or- | made known their desires for inganized labor split tonight in Se-attle—one of the strongest union want a split in the labor movement, cities in the United States-when but if they force a split, naturally

of the powerful maritime federation announced it would withdraw from the American Federation of Labor and join John L. Lewis' committee for industrial organiza- men's union pickets were with-

and sawmill workers federation Longshore gangs were dischargimmediately endorsed the action ed at noon on all ocean-going vessels when the international longof the maritime federation.

James Engstrom, secretary of the maritime federation council, said 50 delegates to the central labor council had been given instructions to vote against A.F.O.L. Southholm.

Pres. William Green's request of the council to reaffirm its pledge to the federation and lend "un-



the Washington district council we will stick to our guns." Meanwhile a waterfront employers' lockout that tied up this port for two and a half hours end-ed late today when inland boat-

drawn from two Canadian-owned The Seattle local of the lumber ships.

shoremen's association ignored an ultimatum issued by the employers to furnish gangs to work the Canadian freighters Eastholm and

Longshoremen refused to pass the boatmen's union's picket lines set up five days ago by an agreeising support to the bat- ment with the union's Canadian

tle against the C. I. O." division not to work vessels un-"We have taken our stand," loaded at Vancouver, B. C., by Engstrom said. "Our men have men not sanctioned by the I.L.A.

school, New London, Texas, were 455 pupils and teachers. Note the scattered debris, crumpled walls and roofs.-International Illus-trated News soundphoto.