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Detroit General Walkout Decision Delayed

First Steps in **Group Capitol** Task Launched

Application for Federal Aid Is Authorized at Joint Gathering

Governor Opposes Use of Highway Funds New as All Deemed Needed

Members of the state board of control and of the state capitol reconstruction commission, meeting jointly in Salem Monday, shaped first steps toward carrying out the group capitol program authorized by the 1937 legislative

The first move will be filing of an application with the federal government for a grant of 45 per cent of the funds required for the entire building program. Of this amount 18 per cent would be used for the acquisition of land.

A telegram from Senator Mc-Nary indicated that it might not be possible to obtain this grant because of a change in the federal

McNary advised Governor Martin that allotments were now being made by the PWA on a new basis of meeting labor costs taken from the relief rolls plus 15 per cent, up to a peak of 45 per cent of the total cost.

Officials said such an allotment would be of doubtful value in the proposed construction program. "Let's make the application anyway." Governor Charles H. Martin said. "We must keep the record clear."

Board of Control Will Cooperate The board of control promised

to cooperate with the capitol reconstruction commission. The commission had intended

to hold a meeting here Monday afternoon but a quorum was not in attendance. The next meeting will be held in Portland Saturday. Appraisals of two blocks of property abutting Court street,

directly north of the present capitol site, vary from \$225,000 to \$350,000. The assessed valuation of this property is \$110,000. Governor Martin told members

of the capital reconstruction commission that he was opposed to any building program which would result in a diversion of state high-

"Neither Henry Cabell, chairman of the state highway commission, nor myself were consulted in connection with the bill providing for construction of a state building out of highway department funds," Governor Martin continued. "I am opposed to the issuance of any more state bonds and will use my influence to liquidate the bonds now outstanding." Bills Permissive

Only Says Walker Ralph E. Moody, assistant attorney general, said he interpreted the legislation to mean that the state eventually should acquire the four blocks of residence prop-(Turn to page 2, column 1)

Four More House Permits Recorded

Monday brought permits for four more new houses at the city building department and a day's business representing \$11,050 worth of construction. were issued as follows:

Ernest Schindler, new house at 1355 Fairmount avenue, \$2400; Ross Powell, new house at 860 Spruce, \$1000; S. Johnson, new house at 1110 North Winter, \$4500; J. A. Morley, new house at 490 North 24th, \$2850; Marvin the agreement." Roth, new garage at 1590 Mission. \$100; Lane Morley, repair store \$40; St. Paul parish house, repairs, 554 Chemeketa, \$10.

Powder Magazine Blast Kills None

NORFOLK, Va., March 22-(AP) Exploding with a terrific roar, one of 90 smokeless powder mag- | gas under the basement floor azines at the Nansemond army ordnance depot, near Portsmouth, went off tonight. No one was killed nor injured.

Flames shot 200 or more feet in the sky, and could be seen twenty miles away.

Extradition of Gavin

uisition Monday on Arizona officials for the extradition of Her- school was built, for reasons of bert M. Gavin, who is wanted at economy.



petus to a movement for a compromise settlement of the dispute. When Attorney General Cummings appeared before the senate judiciary committee in defense of the plan, Mrs. Millard Tydings, wife of Maryland's senator, and Mrs. Henry Ashurst, wife of Arizona's senator, top, were among the spectators. One of the impromptu debates on the floor of the committee session was between Senator Tom Connally, left, below, of Texas, opponent of the plan, and Senator Key Pittman of Nevada, who favors Roosevelt's reorganization program.

Attack on Pinball Bill Opens Today

Referendum Petitions to Go Out; Measure Will Be Filed, Forecast

PORTLAND, March 22-(AP) Walter L. Tooze, attorney for a group of merchants, said a referendum will get under way Tuesday against the Martin and Carney bills passed by the legislature at its recent session, providing for destruction of slot and pinball machines. Application for ballot title will be filed with the secretary of state at Salem,

Tooze said that he had warned Sheriff A. C. Burke, Marion (Turn to page 2, column 2)

Claim Violation, Suspend Loading

SAN PEDRO, Calif., March 22.

-(AP)-Suspension of ship loading and unloading at the Los Angeles-Long Beach harbor, effective tomorrow morning, was announced tonight by the Waterfront Employers' association.

The order for closing of the port was the answer of the association to the re-establishment today of pickets around the freighter Lancaster.

The association, after an executive session, issued the following

"In view of the repetition of dated February 4, 1937, made between various Waterfront Employers' associations and the International Longshoremen's association at the conclusion of a 99-day strike, we have no alternative but to suspend ship loading and unloading operations until such time as the controversy over the refusal of the longshoremen to pass through a picket line established by other marine unions around the steamer Lancaster can be adjusted in accordance with

Way Cleared for **Local Linen Mill** To Get RFC Loan

With the adjustment of the claim of the state flax industry against the Salem linen mills which was completed yesterday at a session of the state board of control the final step was accomplished in the reorganization of the linen mills so it can obtain an RFC loan for additional working capital. L. C. McLeod, mill manager, and E. F. Slade of the RFC attended the board of control meeting.

The mill has operated for several years under handicaps due to previous financial difficulties. With this reorganization under section 77b the mill will receive \$60,000 in a loan from the RFC under which it can expand its operations. The reorganization is regarded as a constructive step to enable the company to develop the business along lines which in recent years have proven profit-

Wagner Law Case Hearing Goes On

PORTLAND, March 22-(AP)-Three of the 52 former employees acusing Montgomery Ward Co., of violating the Wagner Labor Relations Act, testified at the National Labor board hearing today that pay raises fol-lowed the first indications of unionization in the plant here. Arthur N. Morey, one of the witnesses, told of receiving two

increases of ten cents an hour within less than two weeks. He testified that a plant executive, in attempting to discourage the union, charged that Haring the 52 complainants, was 7,000" men registered by officials as having radical tendencies, and that the warehousemen's branch of the I. L. which the 52 men had join-

was also "radical." The complaint alleges that the 52 were discharged for union activity and afiliation.

at 1701 Center, \$150; Edith Bane, repair house at 815 North Winter, Gas Escaping Under Another Texas School, Engineer Says

NEW LONDON, Tex., March 22. low tile walls might be A)-A military inquiry into the killed 455 children and teachers ended late today with the formal opinion of Dr. E. P. Schoch, explosions expert, that accumulated

caused the blast. Martial law, in effect since a few hours after last Thursday's disaster, was lifted from the community immediately after the close of the hearing. Gas Without Cost

Is Apparent Cause Evidence presented in the three days of the inquiry included testimony that the oil-wealthy school ago." formal consent of the owning company, and that heating system were changed when the

Dallas, Polk county, on a stat- Dr. Schoch said he had con-

saturated.

"All indications point ably to an explosion under the floor," Dr. Schoch said in Announcing his conclusion. John Dial, 15, high school student, had testified the explosion occurred immediately after his manual training teacher threw a

light switch. The closing sensation was provided by Gordon C. Hawley, chief engineer of the state fire insurance department, who strode into the hearing and announced escaping gas had been found under another nearby school "only a few hours

From Arizona Sought had connected its gas line to a waste gas carrier, without the Carlisle school near here showed gas was escaping underneath the place at the rate of 720 cubic feet a day," Hawley said. State Held Needed

utory charge. Sheriff Hooker left last night for Phoenix in quest of the prisoner. Cluded definitely the explosion was not in the walls. He earlier had advanced the theory that the hol-

School Strike at Scio Is Continued

Some 7th and 8th Graders Also Out; Rehiring of Teachers Demanded

SCIO, March 22-Scio high chool's student strike, called to protest the school board's failure to retain the athletic coach, Cecil Elder, was still "going strong" tonight and had spread to the upper grades of the grammar school. Some of the 7th and 8th grade pupils refused to attend classes this afternoon because their teacher, Winfield Johnson, had not been tendered a contract for next year.

None of the high school students, numbering approximately 100, attended classes today. Instead they paraded the streets, displaying a banner that read:

The students had heard the school board directors would not rehire Elder, who has been here

Board's Attitude

Actually, the board has made no announcement of its intentions, nor has a successor to Elder been named

The board has ofered contracts to only part of the teachers, this including W. S. Snyder and Miss (Turn to page 2, column 1)

McNary Protests Roosevelt Choice For Marine Board

WASHINGTON, March 22-(AP)-Minority Leader Charles L. Mc-Nary of Oregon said in the senate today President Roosevelt's failure to include a member from the Pacific coast on the new maritime commission was "unfair."

His criticism was on a resolu tion by Majority Leader Robinson to exempt Joseph P. Kennedy of New York, the president's choice for chairman, from a provision of the maritime act which would disqualify him from membership on

"In the appointment of five commissioners of the maritime commission," McNary said, "not a member proposed comes from the Pacific coast, which has the longest coastline of any section of the

"I recall when the maritime commission was created, instead of placing in the measure the geographical description which was formerly found in acts of a simlar nature, the statement was made that the president would deal fairly with each section of the country,"

Olympic Range Is Seen at Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., March 22-(P)-Through some atmospheric Portland saw the mountains of the Olympic peninsula Sunday. The peaks of Hood, Adams, St. Helens and Rainier

Hughes Claims More Justices

Would Retard High Court Work, View; Silent on Question of Policy

Ex-Justice Clarke Avers President's Proposal Is Constitutional

WASHINGTON, March 22-(AP) Chief Justice Hughes bluntly declared today that to increase the membership of the supreme court would "impair" its efficiency.

His words, read to the senate judiciary committee, had scarcely been digested by those who heard them when John H. Clarke, only living retired member of the court, declared in a radio speech that President Roosevelt's court reorganization proposal was

'clearly constitutional." Neither of the two venerable jurists passed judgment on the policies involved -in the plan. Hughes confined himself to the mechanics of court procedure, asserting the tribunal was not behind in its work and could func tion more efficiently without addition of new members. Confines Remarks

To Legal Question Clarke, who retired from the court in 1922, confined himself to the "naked legal question" of constitutionality and asserted the proposal "is plainly within the powers granted to the congress."

Clarke spoke from San Diego, Calif. Fifteen minutes later, Secretary Wallace told a farm bureau audience at Richmond, Va., the president's proposal was a "simple and effective" method of assuring progress of national welfare. He said recent decisions of the supreme court blocked at tempts of the Roosevelt administration to erect "necessary safeguards for agriculture and indus-

Hughes' statement, to which Associate Justices Van Devanter and Brandels agreed, was entered in the hearings of the senate judiciary committee by Senator Wheeler (D., Mont.), the first witness to appear in opposition to

Opposition senators had long (Turn to page 2, column 5)

Warrant Debt of District Reduced

The Salem school district's effective warrant indebtedness has been cut to below the \$100.000 mark despite the fact that in recent months \$67,000 has been paid on two bank notes aggregating \$100,000 which were due May 1, it was reported at School Clerk W. H. Burghardt's office yester-

The district's actual warrant debt, \$127,009.28, is offset by \$31,235.62 in Polk and Marion county non-high school district warrants being held as invest ments. The local warrants draw but 4 per cent interest as against s per cent paid by the non-high school district issues.

If anticipated taxes are received by the Salem district, the \$33,000 remaining due on the note may be redeemed without resorting to refunding issue as has been necessary in other years.

Receiving \$19,974.90 in 1936 taxes in the last two years Burghardt was able to pay of \$13,325 note which had been given a local bank to obtain funds with which to meet bond obligations and \$1800 was turned over to the county treasurer on another bond issue.

The oldest of the 1390 district warrants outstanding was issued November 30, 1936.

Ogden's Students Strike for Prexy

OGDEN, Utah, March 22-(AP)-Ogden high school students went on strike today and, encouraged by Mayor Harmen W. Peery, proclaimed they wouldn't call it off until Student Body President Homer Olden and Vice President Mary Fister are reinstated.

The mayor of Utah's second largest city, confronted by a shouting throng at city hall, took one and then beliewed:
"Go to it, students!" Almost the entire student body

walked out after assembly this morning demanding the dismissal of Principal A. M. Merrill and the reinstatement of their two officers Merrill suspended Olsen and Miss Fister last week after they "In my opinion this tragedy were also visible as the setting threatened to call a student strike of definite rights and privileges.

Diver Lives After Drop Of 186 Feet Off Bridge Aren't Needed At S.F.; Spine Injured By Auto Union

Ray Woods, Once Amateur Champion, Fails to Make Jack-Knife Complete; Wife Says It's Record; Jumped Twice Off Brooklyn Span, N. Y.

PAN FRANCISCO, March 22—(AP)—Ray Woods, 30-yearold professional diver from St. Louis, Mo., dived from the San Francisco-Oakland bridge into San Francisco bay today and was rescued alive but suffering from an apparently fractured spine.

Other Means Eyed

WASHINGTON, March 22-(P)-Mayor Gilbert Gable and Publish-

er L. D. Felsheim of Bandon, Ore.

conferred today with the Oregon

congressional delegation before

asking the government for \$450,

000 with which to reconstruct the

public works of their fire-ridden

Felsheim said he hoped some precedent would be found upon which to base a request for an

outright grant as the city, de-

stroyed by a forest fire last fall,

has no property with which to

secure a loan. Gable said he was

Rep. James Mott, Salem, Ore.,

aid he was doubtful a precedent

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WASHINGTON, March 22-(AP)-

Secretary Ickes took issue today

with a war department recommen-

dation that it be given control of

the physical properties of the

huge Bonneville dam across the

Columbia river between Oregon

In a letter to the house rivers

and harbors committee he endors-

ed a pending measure which

would place control of the dam,

power house, fishways and power

in the hands of an administrator.

Only the locks would remain un-

Martin Smith of Hoquiam, Wash.

The bill was introduced by Rep.

Ickes told the committee the

Smith measure "is feasible and

will help attain the goal of a wide

distribution of the benefits of

this project and I favor the enact-

Informed sources say a new

Bonneville bill, embodying sug-

gestions of the president but con-

taining many ideas of the Pacific

northwest delegation probably

In Coos County Sought

WASHINGTON, March 22-(AP)-Bills introduced today included

the following by representatives;
Mott (R-Ore.) — Authorizing
construction of a dam and dike
by the state of Oregon to prevent

the flow of tidal waters in North

Slough, Coos county, Ore., to re-

claim land for farming.

In Bill By Rep. Mott

ment of the proposed bill."

Dike at North Slough

der the war department.

Ickes Hits Army

community.

Change in Law May

Make it Possible

and Washington.

His wife claimed the leap of approximately 186 feet had oset a world record for height. **Envoys of Bandon** It was the first time any man had leaped from the great trans-

Ask Federal Help Woods rode out on the bridge in a truck, climbed out as it slowed down near the railing, threw off a robe, shouted to a launch below containing his wife, Changes in Disaster Law his mother and newspaper report-May Help, Mott Says;

ers and cameramen, and leaped. He jumped backward, doubled to do a jack-knife dive, but was scarcely able to straighten out. He hit the water doubled over. His chest was padded and on his head was a leather helmet.

Persons in the boat quickly hauled him aboard when he reappeared at the water's surface. Bay bridge officials previously had refused permission to Woods (Turn to page 2, column 3)

Planning Started For Blossom Day

Committees Are Named By Cherrians; to Attend Portland Festival

The Salem Cherrians last night et their monthly meeting accepted an invitation to attend the Port-land Rose festival June 11 and voted unanimously to enter a float Bonneville Views representative of the capital city

in the rose parade. King Bing A. A. Gueffroy named a committee to raise funds for the float consisting of W. M. Hamilton, chairman, and as sub-George L. Arbuckle, chairmen. Harold Busick, James M. Clark, Dewey L. Greiner, Dr. G. E. Prime and T. A. Windishar. Five members will be assigned to work under each of the sub-chairmen.

The Cherrians' chief also anounced committees for Blossom day as follows: Route-E. H. Bingenheimer, chairman, C. E. Wilson and Dr. A. A. Keene; reception—Keith Brown, chairman, Grant Day and Breyman Boise; floral-William Schlitt, chairman, Donald Decke-

bach and Deryl Myers. The date for Blossom day will lepend upon the weather within the next few weeks. King Bing Gueffroy declared

in regard to the rose parade float that it was up to the citizens of Salem to support the Cherrians in order that a worthwhile entry might be obtained.

will be introduced in both houses Selma Man Killed When Car Hurtles Catholics Renew

GRANTS PASS, Ore., March 22-(R)-Irving E. Davidson, 46, of Sel-ma was instantly killed when the car which he was driving skidded on a slippery pavement on the Redwood highway west of here

George W. Bolby, a passenger, reported to be severely injured, was taken to a Josephine hospital. Davidson was thrown 40 feet down an embankment.

Maguire Flays Court Plan, Resolution Against Passed

dom of the president's policy for amendment; and the president's the alteration in the character of proposal to alter the supreme the supreme court was voiced by Robert F. Maguire of Portland in an address at a citizens' mass meeting at the high school last night. At the conclusion of his address a resolution was adopted rotesting the plan in the interest of the liberties of the citizens. Copies will be sent to the president and to members of the Oregon delegation in the congress.

Mr. Maguire called the court ssue "the most important and fundamental question which has faced the American people since fundamental change in our theory of government. That theory, as he phrased it, was the principle that by the written constitution the people put restraints upon political parties and upon the divisions of government under which minorities could be assured

A vigorous challenge to the wis- | executive, but by constitutional court was in effect to obtain a reversal of the interpretation of the constitution given by the

"The writers of the constitution recognized the division of the powers of government into three anches and set up an independent judiciary, secure in tenure of office. They had had experience with the loss of liberties when the king had swallowed up the court and the legislature as English kinds had done; so they made the courts free from such inter-

Real Liberals Will

liberal when that word was abhorrent to many. I say the more liberal you are the more you must be against this plan. If history repeats itself, after the recent ord in Italy and Germany,

Mass Meeting Set for Today

Lack of Permit Doesn't Worry Leaders: "Not Bluffing" Is Word

Charge Chrysler Chiefs With Holding Back on Espionage Evidence

DETROIT, March 22-(A)-The United Automobile Workers deferred a decision on a general automotive strike in Detroit tonight, but at the same time asserted "we are not bluffing in

this matter." The union this afternoon charged that the Chrysler Corp. whose eight plants here are held by sitdown strikers, had "deliberately withheld" evidence in "contemptuous disregard of a senate com-

mittee subpoena."

The evidence, the union claimed, concerned blacklisting of employees for union activities and espionage, matters that Senator Robert M. La Follette's special committee on civil liberties is in-B. E. Hutchinson, chairman of

the Chrysler finance committee,

denied the charge and countered

with an allegation that "the

UAW appears to have added the crimes of breaking and entering and burglary to their already illegal seizure of our plants." Police, continuing their raids on sit-down strikers in the face of a UAW threat of a general automotive strike ejected 25 men

rfom a printing plant and 13 persons from a city welfare office Homer Martin, UAW president who issued the ultimatum of a general strike, to be called today unless police desisted in their campaign against smaller struck

plants, said a decision "probably would not be reached tonight." To suggestions that the union was "bluffing," he replied the "General Motors thought we were bluffing and Chrysler thought we were bluffing. We

are not bluffing in this matter, either." Outwardly, the UAW officials were concentrating on plans for huge mass meeting to be held tomorrow night at Cadillac square despite the city council's refusal of a permit.

Ed Hall, second vice-president of the union, said: "We don't give a whoop about the permit; we'll be there anyway." Martin said between 100,000 and 200,-000 would participate, to "show labor's strength" and to demand that the police "stop strikebreaking brutality."

possibility of a general automotive strike, said: "If we declare general strike, it will be a general strike."

That was in reply to a question as to whether union members working in General Motors plant under a peace agreement signed recently would be includ-

Fight for Rights

(By The Associated Press) The Catholic church has renewed in Germany her bitter conflict with modern-day governments for the right to control religious instruction of her youth. It is a familiar theme to the ag-

ing Pope Pius XI, weakened long iliness and approaching his 80th birthday. In recent years he has fought the same fight against fascist Italy, socialist - inclined Mexico, communist Russia and more recently against socialist Spain.

Summoning his strength new toier, the Pope issued an encyclic message which was read Sunday in German Catholic churches.

Anyone who attempts to replace God, the pontiff warned, would be known as "a senseless prophet of absurdity." Vatican sources said he meant Hitler and the naziideo ogic precept that God reveals Himself at great intervals to a chosen people, that Germany is so chosen because of the character of her leader, and that to follow him is to serve God.

ALLADE of TODAY

long, high dives to win a gaping world's acclaim; some take no chances with their lives, manage to win lasting some sail abroad to join beneath an alien flag some stay at home-