

Weather
Occasional rain today, showers Thursday, continued cool; Max. Temp. Tuesday 51, Min. 37.5, river 3.7 feet, rain .07 inch, S-W wind.

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100,000 Take Part in Detroit Labor Rally

Petitions Seek Referendum in Pinball Tussle

One Against Carney Bill Filed, Other Awaits Measure's Arrival

Sheriff Burk Announces Policy; to Be Guided By State Official

Two important steps in the Oregon pinball war were taken Tuesday and two more are scheduled for today.

Preliminary petitions for referendum of the two anti-gambling device bills passed at the recent legislative session were received at the secretary of state's office, and Sheriff A. C. Burk of Marion county gave formal notice of the policy he will pursue in connection with enforcement of laws already on the statute books.

The petition attacking Senator Byron Carney's bill, S.B. 17, was stamped and filed in the state department, the one against H.B. 159 by Rep. Hannah Martin, was held in abeyance until after the bill itself is filed, which is expected to occur by noon today, in line with the ruling of Attorney General Van Winkle, who declared the bill was validly enacted despite the fact that it was laid on the house table the last day of the session in lieu of action upon the vote of the emergency clause, 50,000 signatures sought says Tooze.

The referendum petitions were brought here from Portland by Walter L. Tooze, Portland attorney, and bore the signatures of four Portland merchants. Tooze said circulation of petitions would begin at once and that the goal would be 50,000 signatures, although only 12,512 are necessary. Unless the petitions carry sufficient legal names are filed, the bills become law 90 days after the end of the legislative session; if the referendum is successfully invoked, their operation will be suspended until after the next election.

Tooze said his clients would not admit that the Carney bill was enacted, but would file the referendum petitions as a precaution. The objection is that Rep. Hannah Martin moved to delete "senate amendments" instead of "house amendments." Mrs. Martin has said she mentioned either, but moved to delete "committee amendments."

Fred Drager, house chief clerk, said Tuesday the journal of the house would be changed in this connection "because we are powerless to do so." The bill as signed by Governor Martin did not contain the amendments.

Advice of Van Winkle To Rule Says Burk

Sheriff Burk on Monday received a letter from Tooze declaring Burk would be held responsible for any seizure of pinball machines.

"We will have to set on any instructions we receive from the attorney general," Burk said in his reply.

Prisoner Release Program Started

Oregon penitentiary prisoners subject to release under the so-called Barnes bill of the recent legislative session are being turned out at the rate of three a day, Governor Martin announced Tuesday.

There are approximately 195 prisoners now subject to release under the act.

The Barnes bill provided that prisoners sentenced to terms of from six months to one year should receive good behavior credits on the basis of five days a month. Prisoners sentenced to terms of more than one year receive credits to 10 days a month. Prisoners convicted of some major crimes are not affected by the law.

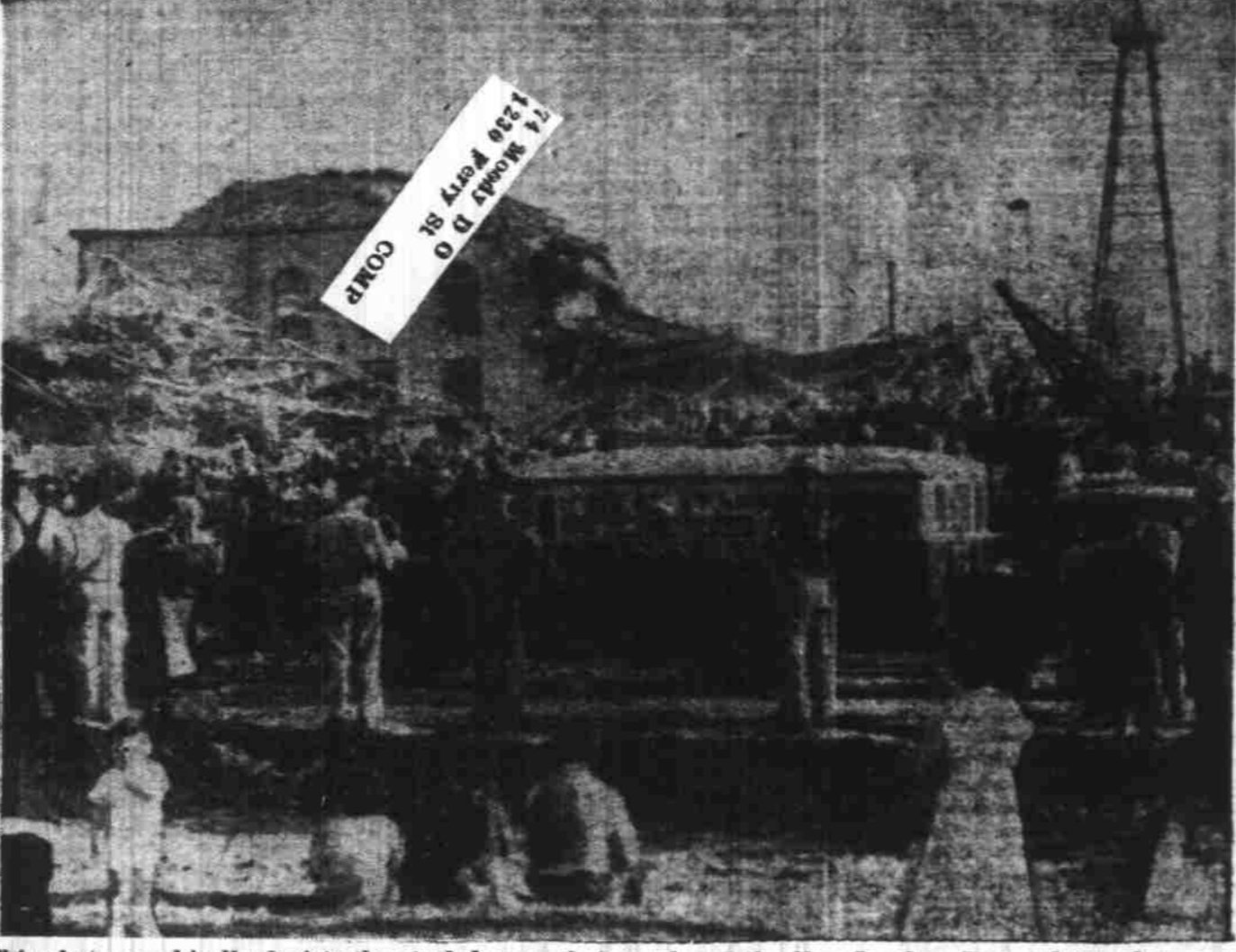
The Barnes law applies to prisoners now and hereafter in the penitentiary.

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SCHOOL BUS CHANGED INTO HEARSE



This photo graphically depicts the stark horror that enveloped the New London, Tex., school when more than 400 students lost their lives in an explosion. Tragically-eyed parents and relatives are shown waiting for news of their children. Before tragedy struck, the bus in the foreground brought a load of laughing children to school. After the blast, all school busses were used as emergency hearses.—International Illustrated News Photo.

Probe Into Blast At School Closed

No Prosecution in Order, Prevention of Further Disasters Aim Now

NEW LONDON, Tex., March 23.—(AP)—Convinced there is no evidence upon which to base prosecutions for the London school blast with its 455 deaths, public officials marshalled technical and legal preventives tonight against any such future disaster.

This saddened community, where nearly every family was bereft of one or more members, planned a great Easter Sunday memorial service for the child and teacher victims.

"There was no evidence at all on which to base a prosecution," Secretary of State Edward Clark reported to Gov. James V. Allred at Austin upon his return from New London. Clark sat in the military court that investigated the disaster and decided it resulted from an accumulation of escaped natural gas.

Check on Possible Seepage Is Made

United States bureau of mines experts continued an investigation, drilling 400 holes in the oil derrick section of the wealthy town.

Campus Library's Planning Started

The building committee to supervise the erection of a new library building for Willamette university organized in Portland yesterday. C. A. Sprague was elected chairman and Dr. Bruce R. Baxter, secretary. Other members are Paul B. Wallace, A. M. Smith and E. S. Collins. The committee conferred with A. E. Doyle — architect, who had drafted preliminary plans for a library, and decided to recommend their appointment by the executive committee of the trustees.

Preparation of plans for the building is expected to take several months. Separate contracts will probably be let for the several classes of work on the structure.

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Referendum Upon Veterans' Graves Bill Sought Here

A petition seeking ballot title for referendum of H.B. 129, to create a commission to locate, clean and mark graves of all veterans in Oregon, will be filed with the secretary of state today under signature of a group of Salem patriotic societies.

The matter was introduced in the recent legislative session, but the bill covering the proposal never left the committee.

Loyalists Report Further Advance

MADRID, March 23.—(AP)—Gen. Jose Milla's government troops battled slowly ahead on the Guadajajara front today and held off two insurgent assaults near Madrid. The government summarized the situation thus:

The main column, operating on the highway, was at a standstill less than a mile from the important town of Almadrones, 53 miles northeast of Madrid. Resistance was increasing, however, and Gen. Emilio Mola, insurgent commander in that sector, apparently had brought up reserves.

Insurgent gunners sent more shells into the center of Madrid. One landed so close to a motion picture house that the fumes penetrated the building. Patrons laughed nervously and stayed to see the picture through.

Corpse of Actor Vosper Is Found

EASTBOURNE, Eng., March 23.—(AP)—A body was found today in the death of Frank Vosper, English stage star, pending determination of the cause of bruises found on his body, washed up from the English channel near Beachy Head.

"I am anxious to ascertain about the injuries on the body—whether they were caused by the sea or otherwise," said coroner E. F. Hoare.

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Spaniards to Lose Anderson Asserts

No Matter How War Goes; Many Nationals Upon Firing Line, Says

"No matter who wins, the Spaniards lose," Gus Anderson, Salem's globe trotter, last night told more than 500 persons who gathered at the senior high school to hear his illustrated lecture on the Spanish civil war.

Anderson wound up his two-hour program with an earnest plea for tolerance among individuals and nations.

"I think within one year, as soon as Russia and Britain are ready, we'll probably be asked to make the world safe for something again," he asserted.

Italians, Germans, Russians, French are all in the Spanish war picture, in spite of denials. Anderson declared and exhibited shells and bits of airplanes and shrapnel he himself had picked up after Spanish warfare. He told of seeing the Moors capture two of eight Russian tanks.

He gave a graphic description of some of the horrors and atrocities of the civil war "that he so unconvicted," and told of and showed the destruction of homes and public buildings.

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Ogden's Students Satisfied, Return

OGDEN, Utah, March 23.—(AP)—With at least half of their shouted strike demands of Monday met, Ogden high school students resumed their normal class routine today.

The students, who paraded through Ogden's business section Monday afternoon shouting "down with Merrill" and "we want Homer," found "Homer," their student body president, Homer Olsen, and student vice-president, Mary Flister, back in school.

Both students were told to "stay home" when they threatened to call a student strike following refusal of Principal A. M. Merrill to send the school band to the state high school basketball tournament in Lake City last week.

No Decision Yet Upon Air Fields

WASHINGTON, March 23.—(AP)—Major St. Clair Street, member of the airbase committee of the army general staff, advised Representative Walter M. Pierce of LaGrande, Ore., today the war department has reached no decision on supplementary air fields in the Pacific northwest.

Pierce sought the information on behalf of Oregonians interested in establishing in their state a supply base for the main army air base to be built at Tacoma, Wash.

School Board Finally Votes To Have Audit

Majority Not Convinced Of Need; "Whispering Campaign Deplored"

Cupper, Chief Advocate Of Move, Absent and Bradfield Opposes

Accompanied by charges of a "whispering campaign of doubt and suspicion" the school board last night reversed its previous action in turning down Director Percy A. Cupper's resolution for a year audit of the school records and instructed the clerk to advise the secretary of state that the board desires to have the audit made to cover the years 1935-1936 and 1936-1937 to June.

The vote was two to one with Cupper absent and Chairman Neer not voting.

Mrs. David Wright made the motion for the audit. The motion was seconded by W. F. Neptune. Mind Not Changed.

Whispers Resented
"I haven't changed my mind on the audit," Mrs. Wright said, "but to put a stop to this whispering campaign of doubt and suspicion which Mr. Cupper has started, I move that the secretary of state be asked to make an audit of the books for the last two years."

"I don't see how the school board can vote with Cupper for the resolution last time, opposed Mrs. Wright's move.

"Mr. Cupper told me yesterday that he had to go to eastern Oregon today and that he hoped we would do nothing about the audit until he got back," Bradfield said.

"I don't see why he should object," Mrs. Wright said. "It's what he wanted."

Bradfield voted against the motion on the grounds that Cupper would do nothing about the audit in his absence. Mrs. Wright and Neptune carried the motion.

Neer Objects to Precipitate Action
After the vote was taken Chairman Neer said that he "didn't see the rush to precipitate action."

"All I've heard came from Mae (Turn to page 2, col. 6)

Confidence Vote Upholds Blum in Riotous Session

PARIS, March 24.—(Wednesday)—The popular front government of Premier Leon Blum fought its way through a bitter all night debate on the deadly Clichy riots today to win a 362 to 215 vote of confidence from the French chamber of deputies.

The motion of support, demanded by Blum for his government's conduct throughout the tense aftermath of last Tuesday's street fighting in which five persons were slain and 1,000 wounded, expressed confidence the government would.

"Assure liberty for all and respect for the law so necessary to internal peace and the normal conduct of democratic institutions," the popular front majority overrode its opponents and gave Blum a new lease on the premiership just as dawn broke over the amphitheater where communists and nationalist deputies had thrown the chamber into a tumult.

Charging each other's benches, the militant legislators had to be blocked and dispersed by the ushers as they exchanged heated challenges to duels.

Cedar Firm Gives 700 Pay Increase

MARSHFIELD, March 23.—(AP)—International Cedar company today announced pay raises to 700 workers effective April 1, adding about \$100,000 to the plant's annual payroll.

The new scale will add from 50 to 60 cents a day to the wages of employees, and the present 44 hour work week will be shortened to 40 hours, M. D. Tucker, general manager, said.

The night shift in the sawmill and Venetian blind department will be doubled April 15, adding 100 employees.

The wage increase will also affect about 50 employees at the company's Bandon plant.

Child Labor Ban Loses at Boston

BOSTON, March 23.—(AP)—The Massachusetts house today rejected ratification of the federal child labor amendment by a vote of 188 to 12.

The proposed federal amendment would empower congress to limit and regulate child labor.

No Revolution Menace In Detroit; Problems Of Parking Prevent It

"Ify the Dopester" Says City Getting Black Eye Unwarrantedly; Predicts Eyebrow Contest By Lewis and Chrysler, Then Peace

DETROIT, March 23.—(AP)—Malcolm W. Bingay, editorial director of the Detroit Free Press and author of the column "Ify the Dopester" in that newspaper, tonight issued the following statement:

"Stories and rumors floating over the nation that there is a revolution starting in Detroit are as unfounded as any to the effect that Harry Lauder bought a round of drinks.

"The demonstration on Cadillac square was far more orderly than the celebration of the Detroit Tigers winning the world series—and only about one-tenth in size.

"This is a young man's town and spring is in the air. "Revolutions don't start in a city that pays the highest standard of wages of any town in the nation.

"Walter Chrysler and John Lewis—who both speak and understand the same language—will have an eye-brow lifting contest out at Lansing with Governor Murphy, who is also quite an "eye-brow" and the controversy." (Turn to page 2, col. 6)

Ship Sinks After Crew Is Removed

17 Rescued After Help Is Summoned by Amateur Radio Operator

BOSTON, March 23.—(AP)—Coast guard headquarters tonight reported a message from the cutter, Chelan, said the Norwegian steamer Bjerkli sank at 10:50 P. M. (eastern standard time).

The Chelan sped to the side of the steamer late today and took off the 17 members of her crew as it wallowed in the Atlantic some 760 miles east of New York City.

The Chelan announced to headquarters that the crew was rescued after the cutter and five other ships had searched for the freighter for nearly 20 hours.

"Ship leaking and sinking fast," the Chelan wireless after the rescue.

Several hours later the Chelan, which stood by the stricken vessel with searchlights playing on it, reported by radio that the Bjerkli sank.

The McKay Radio company picked up the first message at its Rockland, Me., station shortly (Turn to page 2, col. 3)

Discharge Books Injunction Ended

PORTLAND, March 23.—(AP)—Federal Judge James Alger Fee dismissed today a temporary injunction restraining Harold G. Jones, federal shipping commissioner from requiring American seamen to present continuous discharge books when they sign overseas here.

Chris Bossen, labor attorney, moved for the dismissal, saying he had been informed an amendment to the Copeland act removing the mandatory discharge book provision was on the president's desk awaiting signature.

Jones said the action would hold up signing on a set of crews here until the amendment is signed, as he has no authority to ignore the discharge book provision under the present law.

Fifty Thousand Word Story Lacks "E;" Warrior Author

By LOYD DILBECK
LOS ANGELES, March 23.—(AP)—A man out at the national press club home has written a short novel, 50,110 words, without using a single "e," most-used letter in English. He tied down the "e" bar on his typewriter.

The author is sharp-eyed Ernest Vincent Wright, 66, of company 14, a musician in the World War, a Massachusetts Institute of Technology graduate of '39.

No He Nor She Available to Him
To achieve his astounding feat, Wright had to avoid, for instance, such pronouns as them, they, he and she. He could not use verb past tenses, such as "wanted," etc. He changed the name of one character in his story from Bob to Frank because some kibitzer suggested Bob's full name was Robert, containing an "e."

There were only a few of his difficulties. To appreciate all that just you try to write an intelligible paragraph without an "e."

The reporter, credited as having Wright for a snatch-grab at his manuscript. The random pluck brought out a page about 16,000 words down containing the following:

"Now, an approach to a young girl's 'big day' is not always just as that girl might wish. Small things bob up which at first look actually disastrous for a joyous occasion; and for Nancy and Frank just such a thing did bob up—for on May third a pouring rain and whistling winds put Branton Hills' spirits way, way low."

Wright used no abbreviations and no apostrophes to avoid using "e's." He eschewed the titles Mr. and Mrs. because their full spelling contain the taboo letters. He avoided all calendar dates between six and thirty.

Could the motorizing of a fire department and retirement of the fire horses be described without an "e?" Wright did it.

Orderly Meet Held; Leaders Due to Confer

Ford Receives Mention Chrysler and Lewis Head for Lansing

Chicago Sit-Downs End; Texas Congressman Asks Full Probe

(By The Associated Press)
Labor Leader John L. Lewis and Industrialist Walter P. Chrysler sped toward a strike peace parley in Michigan last night while Lewis' followers massed in a Detroit demonstration.

The head of the strike-crippled Chrysler Motor Corp. and the generalissimo of the Committee for Industrial Organization accepted invitations to confer with Gov. Frank Murphy at Lansing today (Wednesday).

While the governor drafted an agreement he hoped would end the dispute, the CIO-affiliated United Automobile Workers of America marshalled more than 100,000 persons in Cadillac square near the Wayne county building in what UAW chieftains termed the largest labor gathering ever held in the United States. Union President Homer Martin told the throng Henry Ford "might as well get ready to do business with his organized workers."

Chrysler Sifts Peace Obstacles
The 6,000 members whose 14-day sitting siege at eight Chrysler plants has thrown 80,000 automotive workers out of jobs formed the most difficult problem in Murphy's peace movement, n his telegraphed invitations to Lewis and Chrysler, the governor said he expected Sheriff T. G. Wilcox to request state help in serving court writs for their arrest and warned the state "will employ all necessary means to uphold public authority."

Lewis was represented as interpreting this as meaning that unless an understanding was reached soon and the squatters evacuated, Murphy intended to enforce the order for their eviction. But he said the "tone" of the message would not prevent him from seeking settlement of the differences.

Chrysler stated the corporation would not "enter any trade to get the meat out of the plants" and would not "recognize any organization as the sole bargaining agency for all its employees."

The U.A.W. has demanded exclusive bargaining privileges.

While the labor titan and the industrial tycoon headed west from Washington and New York respectively, the deadline in the strike affecting 10,000 Hudson Motor Car Co. workers persisted but "definite progress" was reported in conferences attending a strike involving 2,200 employees of the Rec Motor Car Co., at Lansing.

New legal action against "sit-downers" was instituted in the (Turn to page 2, col. 3)

McNary Prevents Kennedy Approval

WASHINGTON, March 23.—(AP)—An objection by Senator McNary of Oregon, the republican leader, again blocked senate action today on a resolution to clear the way for confirmation of Joseph P. Kennedy as chairman of the new maritime commission.

Members of the commerce committee had raised the question whether Kennedy was eligible in view of a provision of the maritime act which stipulates that a person shall be ineligible to sit on the commission if he has had any interest in shipping in the three years prior to his appointment.

Kennedy, former chairman of the securities commission, has disclosed voluntarily that he owns some shares of Todd Shipyards, Inc., but intends to dispose of them.

Senator Robinson, the democratic leader, offered a resolution yesterday to declare the appointment not a violation of the maritime act. McNary said Kennedy is "an able financier and a fine executive" but that the senate should not "pre-judge" the nomination prior to its approval by a committee.

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High Diver Facing Charges; Crippled

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—(AP)—The state highway patrol cracked a legal whip today over aspiring bay bridge divers by filing two misdemeanor charges against Ray Woods, who leaped 136 feet from the span yesterday "for publicity" and barely escaped alive.

Patrol Captain Rudy Schmoke swore out complaints charging evasion of bridge tolls and pedestrianism, each providing for maximum punishment of \$500 fine or six months in jail.

Despite the fact that Woods lay in a hospital with five fractured vertebrae and was almost paralyzed from the shoulders down, Schmoke said he would press the charges.

"We dislike to do this but we are going the limit to prevent anything further along that line," said Schmoke. "Both decks of the bridge are being patrolled around the clock. The minute anyone steps out of a vehicle onto the bridge he is subject to arrest."

Perhaps disabled for life, Woods expressed a desire to try the dive again.

BALLADE OF TODAY

By R. C.
We've boasted of America, the land of common sense, and while at present things look bad, it may be, sometime hence, we'll find that ancient attribute has helped us worry through—and even now we'll cling to hope, though all the world seems blue.