

Weather
Unsettled with showers today and Saturday, little change in temperature; Max. Temp. Thursday 54, Min. 40, river 3.3 feet, NW wind.

Valley News
Most correspondents in all communities of the Willamette valley keep The Statesman posted daily on news from their districts.

EIGHTY-SIXTH YEAR

Thirteen Die When Big Airliner Plunges

Sit-Down Plan In Eclipse and Peace Looming

Old Style Picketing Now Prevails in Various Labor Disputes

San Francisco Dock Men Back at Work, Latest Quarrel Patched

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The march of "sit-downers" from eight Chrysler Motor corporation plants yesterday spurred efforts to seek complete settlement of the strike.
Gov. Frank Murphy of Michigan resumed conversations with John L. Lewis, chief of the committee for industrial organization, and Walter P. Chrysler, head of the huge automotive firm, at Lansing in an attempt to solve the major problem of the dispute—the demand of the CIO-affiliated United Automobile Workers of America for recognition as the sole bargaining agency for all Chrysler employees.
With a show of ceremony, the strikers ended their 15-day occupancy of the Detroit factories, they handed the keys to state police in keeping with the terms of a truce arranged at the Murphy-Chrysler-Lewis parley.
Labor troubles, the governor opined, were approaching an end "without bloodshed or loss of life."
Decline of Sit-Down Method Heralded
While the "sit-down" stratagem remained a moot topic in congress, the exodus of the Chrysler army of occupation was accompanied by a wide decline in the sitting style of strikers.
Instead, in a half dozen controversies some of them supported by CIO, workers resorted to picket lines.
The UAW managed to post picket watchers at the vacant Chrysler plants pending the outcome of the Lansing conference.
A group of employees, twice ousted by police when they sat down, picketed a Brooklyn hospital.
Clothing was ripped from a half dozen girls when workers endeavored to pierce a picket patrol manned by nearly 100 international ladies' garment workers unionists at a Memphis, Tenn., dress factory. Eleven were arrested.
Pickets representing the CIO gathered about the reopened Lebanon, Pa., works of the Bethlehem Steel Corp., but non-strikers passed through unobscured.
Dockmen at San Francisco were ordered back on their jobs when waterfront employees and San Francisco longshoremen patched up their differences in jurisdictional disputes five hours after they had severed relations.
One hundred and twenty-five employees of the Patterson Foundry and Machine Co. at East Liverpool, O., went on strike when the demands of their union, C. I. O. affiliate, were not met.

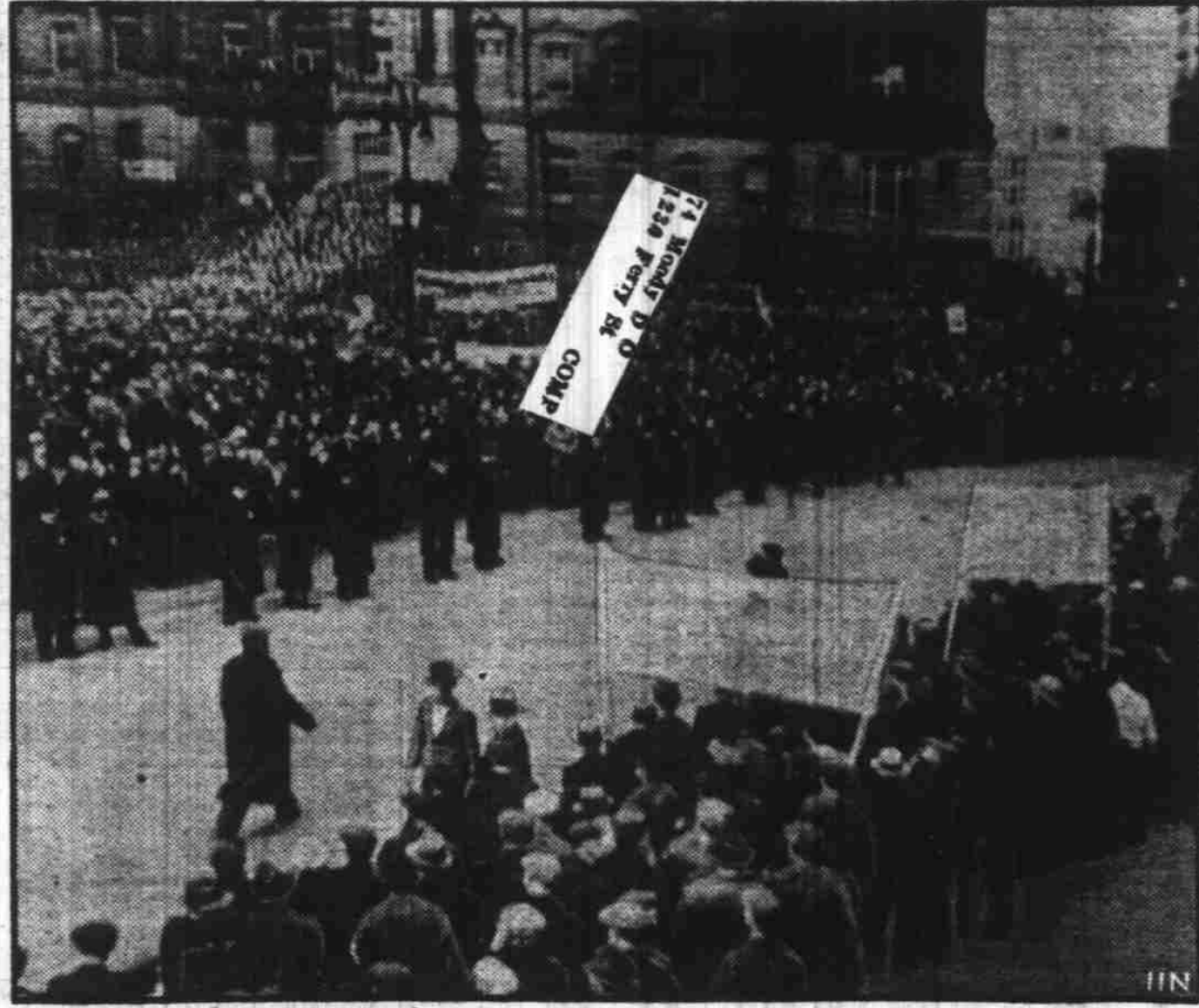
Franciscovich Is Oregon Governor

President Frank M. Franciscovich of the state senate became governor of Oregon Thursday noon when Governor Charles H. Martin crossed the state line into Washington.
Governor and Mrs. Martin left Thursday morning for Bremerton, Wash., to spend three days visiting with their daughter, Mrs. Schuyler Pyne.
Governor Martin of Oregon and Governor Martin of Washington, were expected to confer briefly late Thursday afternoon.

Champion Egg Decorator to Be Announced

The city's champion egg decorator will be chosen at the Capitol theatre on Saturday morning when doors open for the annual big Statesman-Capitol theatre egg - matinee, and every youngster in town will want a chance at the prizes offered.
Bill Hagstrom, Mickey Mouse chief, will present the awards for best decorated eggs brought to the theatre, and prizes will be given during the matinee.
Three eggs are all that's needed for admission, two fresh ones and a decorated one. The fresh eggs will be donated to local charity.
A full program on the screen is offered, and other features will be of interest to the audience. The time is 9:30, Saturday morning.

100,000 IN UNION RALLY AT DETROIT



Enormous assemblage of unionists estimated at 100,000 persons filling Cadillac square, Detroit, for United Automobile Workers of America rally is shown in this International Illustrated News Sound-photo. Note the lines of police and banners carried by the marchers.

Plan Pinball Law Test in Portland

TOOZE AGAIN SENDS LETTER WARNING BURK AGAINST SEIZING MACHINES
PORTLAND, March 25—(AP)—Walter L. Tooze, attorney representing a group of merchants, said today pinball machines and other trade stimulators will make a reappearance here to obtain a legal test on whether they should be classified as gambling devices or games of skill.
Mayor Joseph Carson and City Attorney Frank Grant said the test would be welcomed, and arrests will follow any attempts to operate the machines.
Previous to Tooze's announcement, an attempt by City Commissioner E. F. Bennett in council meeting to block the referendum invoked on the city's anti-gambling statute failed.
Walter L. Tooze, Portland attorney, yesterday sent Sheriff A. C. Burk of Marion county a second warning against confiscating pinball machines unless he was fully protected by indemnity bond.
"I appreciate the fact that you will be governed largely on the advice of the assistant attorney general," Tooze wrote. "Nevertheless, in view of the warning given you and for your own protection, would suggest that you act with caution. There is a bare possibility that the assistant attorney general may be wrong."
Tooze also advised Sheriff Burk that in a Eugene case where a defendant was charged with violating the law because of the possession and operation of a pinball machine, Judge G. F. Skipworth of Lane county directed a verdict in favor of the defendant.
Sheriff Burk, in his reply, said: "I shall perform the functions of my office in accordance with what I conceive to be my duties therein and thereto. If I have any doubt as to what my duties (Turn to page 2, col. 4)

Vic Meyers Sues Movie Firm Over "Thanks Million"

SEATTLE, March 25—(AP)—Washington's dapper, bemoulted Lt. Gov. Victor Alroy Meyers sued 20th Century-Fox Film corporation in superior court today for \$250,000 for what he charged was damage to his reputation by the picture "Thanks a Million."
Meyers' complaint based his action on a line in the picture spoken by Fred Allen, radio comedian, in the role of "stooge" for a jazz orchestra leader running for governor, said:
"Up in Washington they elected a jazz band leader lieutenant governor, and if people will vote for a jazz band leader, they'll vote for anybody."
For the "kaz" line Meyers sought to collect \$10,000 a word.

Editor Slain, Son Of Rival Is Held

Reason Unknown; Rivalry of Newspapers Never Personal, Stated
ALTURAS, Calif., March 25—(AP)—Claude L. McCracken, 33, editor of the Daily Mail, was fatally shot here tonight by a man who interrupted a dinner party at the McCracken home, Sheriff John C. Sharp reported.
The assailant fired five shots from a .22 caliber automatic pistol, the sheriff said.
Harry French, 30, state board of equalization employe and son of Bard French, editor of the Alturas Plain Dealer, surrendered shortly afterward but refused to discuss the shooting, the sheriff said. French was held on an open charge.
Surgeons at the Modoc county general hospital operated on McCracken in a futile effort to save his life. He had been brought in critically injured as a result of bullet punctures of his intestines. Three other bullets lodged in his chest.
Sheriff Sharp stated he had been unable to determine a motive for the shooting.
The sheriff said there were two witnesses, Donna Conwell, McCracken's partner in the operation of the Daily Mail, and Evelyn Olin, a friend of the family.
Witnesses related that the assailant entered the house during the dinner hour and while McCracken was seated at the table (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

Southwest Dust Blows Into East

WASHINGTON, March 25—(AP)—Dust from the far-away southwest gave a dirty yellow tinge today to skies over much of the eastern United States.
Rain falling through the dust-laden air left spots of dirt on automobiles and other objects in the capital.
At Richmond, Va., the sun was obscured to some extent.
Charles L. Mitchell, district weather forecaster, said a number of other cities reported yesterday that it was "dusty," meaning objects 1000 feet away were invisible.
He said the dust had been carried from the dry southwest by winds in the upper air traveling 30 to 50 miles an hour. He expressed belief the particles probably were carried as far as New York.
WASHINGTON, March 25—(AP)—A movement to change the supreme court gradually and piecemeal, instead of the swift alteration provided in the Roosevelt court bill, developed today within the senate judiciary committee.
Senator Hatch (D-NM) came out in favor of an amendment to the bill, restricting the proposed appointments of new supreme court justices to one a year.
Under the Roosevelt program six new justices could be appointed immediately if the six incumbents over 70 years of age did not retire forthwith.
Hatch regarded as "key man" in the issue.
Hatch previously had not expressed his opinion on the bill, and therefore had come to be looked upon as one of the "key men" in the present struggle.
Dean Smith of the Columbia university law school, an opponent of the bill, appeared before the judiciary committee today and advised against a quick change of large proportions in the makeup of the supreme court.
Another witness today, Dr. Gould Wickey, general secretary of the council of church boards

Blowout of Tire Bus Crash Cause

SALEM, Ill., March 25—(AP)—Nine bodies, burned beyond recognition, were found tonight in the wreckage of the 29 members of a roller-skating troupe who rode to death in a bus near here yesterday.
"I doubt if very many more will be identified," said Mayor Omar McMackin of Salem, owner of the mortuary where 15 of the bodies were taken. Five others were sent to an undertaking establishment at nearby Patoka, Ill.
State's Attorney Ward Holt announced he had conducted a partial investigation which "clearly indicated" a blowout of the right front tire caused the bus to crash into the concrete abutment of a bridge.
Eighteen persons, including a 4-year-old girl, died in the bus wreckage. Two of the five survivors died of burns in a hospital here.

Prune Purchases For Relief Halt

ROSEBURG, March 25—(AP)—A wire from Senator Charles McNary advised the chamber of commerce that further purchases of surplus prunes is not advisable pending definite information on the 1937 crop, in the opinion of the marketing department of the U. S. department of agriculture.
The chamber recently asked the senator to request the department of agriculture to purchase half the existing Pacific coast prune surplus for distribution to relief agencies.

Salem-Dayton Paving Awaits Federal Move

Work This Year Depends on PWA Funds, Local Delegation Told

Highway Office Building Must Wait; Contract for Ferry Given

Unless congress provides funds for PWA projects in Oregon, already approved by the state highway commission, there is little chance for the improvement of eight miles on the Salem-Dayton road this year.
This was the answer given by the highway commission to a delegation of 20 from Salem, West Salem and farmers living on the Salem-Dayton road at the commission meeting yesterday afternoon in Portland.
Out of the 18 road projects approved by the highway commission, including the Salem-Dayton road, only two had the approval of the PWA for which funds had been allotted on the basis of PWA assuming 45 per cent of the costs and the state 55 per cent, the Salem-Dayton delegation was informed. However, assurances were given that if the present congress does approve Oregon road projects and provide funds, there was a chance for the Salem-Dayton road this year.
Heavy Travel Upon Road Is Stressed
The Salem-Dayton delegation stressed the heavy travel on this road, the closely settled community with its heavy crops, especially fruits, and the heavy traffic from manufacturing and the two canning plants in West Salem.
Those addressing the highway commission and urging improvement of this heavily traveled road were: E. B. Conner, mayor of West Salem; Fred Gibson, Polk county commissioner, of West Salem; Earle Coburn, mayor of Dayton; and W. T. Willert, postmaster and president of the chamber of commerce of Dayton, and Fred Withee, farmer of Dayton and a number of farmers living on the Salem-Dayton road who were personally interested in improvement of the road.
W. W. Chadwick, president of the English speaking world, headed a delegation from Salem.
Residents of the Grand Island (Turn to page 2, col. 4)

John Drinkwater Called Suddenly

LONDON, March 25—(AP)—John Drinkwater, British actor, poet and author who won world fame for his dramatization of the historical characters, died in his sleep today of a heart attack. He was 64 years old.
The sudden death of one of the playwrights best known to the English speaking world, silencing a voice that still was at the peak of its poetic power and fertility, was widely mourned.
"He died too soon," said George Bernard Shaw, Drinkwater's friend and colleague.
United States Ambassador Robert W. Bingham said Drinkwater's "loss will be shared by the whole English speaking world."
Drinkwater's historical plays won wide acclaim in the United States, particularly his "Abraham Lincoln," which was produced in 1918 and introduced him to large American audiences, and his "Robert E. Lee."

Amelia Plans to Resume in April

SAN PEDRO, Calif., March 25—(AP)—Amelia Earhart plans to resume her round-the-world flight late next month.
The flier, who crashed last Friday in taking off from Honolulu to Holland Island on the second leg of the flight, returned home today on the liner Matlo to be greeted by her husband, George Putnam, New York publisher.
Her giant plans will be returned by ship April 3 to undergo repairs.
Between now and then she and her husband will move into their new home on Toluca Lake.

Halibut Schooner Needs Aid; U. S. Cutter on Way

SEATTLE, March 25—(AP)—Coast guard headquarters reported here tonight the cutter Alert was speeding from Petersburg, Alaska, to Baranof Island, about 75 miles away, to aid the disabled halibut schooner Akutan. The coast guard said it was not known how many men were aboard the Akutan.

Late Sports

PORTLAND, Ore., March 25—(AP)—Portland, Portland, Wisneman, took part from Coupes in the second overtime period to give the Buckaroos their second straight victory over Spokane in the Pacific Coast Hockey league playoff here tonight. The final score was Portland 2, Spokane 1.
Although the Clippers were on the losing end, they dominated the play during most of the game.
Until the final counter, less than a minute of the first period had sufficed for the evening's scoring. Moffatt of the Clippers and Martin of Portland each netting the puck unassisted.
The teams meet again here Sunday night.

Courthouse Design Will Harmonize With Others In Salem Civic Center

Straight Line Effect, White Marble Exterior, Are Planned But Some Original Features Also in Prospect; Clock Question Arises Here

PRELIMINARY sketches of Marion county's proposed new courthouse which will be presented to the county court this afternoon will disclose a building following the modern straight line effect, according to information received by Commissioner Leroy Hewlett.
"According to Mr. Whitehouse (of the senior architectural firm) the courthouse will be a combination of the capitol and the new postoffice yet will have certain original features of its own," Hewlett said last night.
A white marble exterior is definitely a part of the court's tentative plan in order that the courthouse may fit perfectly into the scheme of the city's reconstructed civic center, Hewlett added.
Clock Necessary Is Hewlett's View
As far as the commissioner had been advised no consideration had been given to including a tower on the new courthouse to provide a location for the old town clock which has tolled out the hours for many years.
"A clock is something to be thought out," Hewlett commented. "I don't think the people of Salem would go without a clock."
One question of planning that will require revision of the first sketches if the architects have not changed ideas expressed on their last visit here is that of providing a basement and accompanying dead storage vaults, Hewlett believes.
Architect Whitehouse was un- (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

Il Duce Assailed In British House

LONDON, March 25—(AP)—Failure of Great Britain to resist Italian imperialism in Spain and Ethiopia is endangering world peace, David Lloyd George charged today, leading a heated attack in commons against Premier Benito Mussolini and British foreign policy.
"Stand up to Mussolini," Lloyd George shouted. "I am a soldier for Britain. He is no fool. He knows with whom he is dealing."
"If he had been dealing with men who spoke in the name of Britain with the might of Britain behind them, he would not have talked like that. I hope the time will come when she shall talk in a straightforward, fearless manner."
Opposition spokesmen, in a house tensely silent, assailed Il Duce for "brutal butchery" in Ethiopia and for alleged Italian intervention in Spain, denouncing what they described as wavering British policies.

Public Ownership Of Rails Opposed

PORTLAND, Ore., March 25—(AP)—The Pacific northwest advisory board, at its annual spring session here, adopted a resolution today opposing passage of railroad union-supported legislation.
The resolution condemned "any movement looking toward government ownership and operation of the American railroads through efforts to increase unreasonably railway costs of operation."

Good Friday Services Today Include Final Union Program

Way of the Cross, 3 o'clock, and Good Friday night services, 7:30 o'clock. Holy Saturday will bring preliminary services at 7 o'clock and high mass at 8:15 o'clock tomorrow morning.
Good Friday morning services at the American Lutheran church at 10:30 o'clock will include Rev. F. W. Erickson's sermon, "Three Words of Jesus from the Cross," and solo, "Olive's Brow," Bradbury, by Miss Ruth Bedford, accompanied by Mrs. Kenneth Rich.
Leah Memorial Methodist church choir will present "The Seven Last Words" (Dubois) tonight at 7:30 o'clock.
Jason Lee Memorial Methodist will offer John Stainer's "The Crucifixion" at 7:30 o'clock tonight.
At St. Paul's Episcopal church, Good Friday services will bring "Three Hours" from 12 noon to 3 o'clock.
Knight Memorial Congregational will hold special lenten worship (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

Sudden Dive Is Not Explained; Ice Is Theory

Tragedy Occurs as Port Approached; Suburb of Pittsburgh Is Scene

10 Passengers, Crew of 3 Dead Before First Witness Arrives

PITTSBURGH, March 25—(AP)—A giant westbound transcontinental and western airliner dropped from the sky tonight on the rolling meadows near suburban Mt. Lebanon, killing ten passengers and its crew of three, a left turn. The ship crashed before the eyes of another pilot, Capt. A. M. Wilkins, bringing his plane in from the west.
We saw the twin-motored Douglas DC-3 monoplane of jact all metal construction, bury its nose in a hillside 100 feet from a highway.
Wilkins told the Associated Press:
"When within a half mile of the plane it looked as though he were starting to make a left turn. The nose of the plane immediately dropped and he made too complete left turns with the nose of the plane pointed vertically downward.
The ship was within 50 feet of the ground, I looked away, but first officer Williams (L. M. Williams, co-pilot with the Wilkins) saw the actual impact. Mr. Williams says that the ship struck the ground in full vertical position."
Some Are Battered Beyond Recognition
Some of the bodies were battered beyond recognition. Four women were among the dead, one of them the pretty blonde stewardess.
The dead were:
Edward J. Fleming, Jr., 22, student, Kansas City.
C. R. Dick, 22, student, Kansas City.
Hasan Harbi, Alabandian representative of Diamond T Motor Car company, Argo, Ill.
John F. Hermann, 45, engineer and inventor, Lincoln, Logan County, Ill.
Frederick D. Lehman, 25, Harrisburg, Pa.
Miss Pauline Traak, 37, teacher, Germantown, Pa.
Edgar E. Brazelton, 26, Elmhurst, Ill.
Marry Black, 32, New York.
Miss F. Reed, New York.
E. G. Neill, 37, Curtis Publishing Co., Minneapolis.
F. Lawrence Bohnet, Newark, chief pilot.
Howard E. Warwick, East Orange, N. J., co-pilot.
Doris C. Hammons, hostess, Elk City Okla.
Officials struggled with conflicting reports to determine a cause for the crash.
Theorists Formed
On Wings Expressed
Dr. J. J. McLean, manager of the Allegheny county airport, said some inspectors told him they believed ice formed on the wings.
"They told me they saw ice on parts of the ship and expressed the opinion this had formed on the wings while it was down (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

Seven Convicted, Racketeer Count

NEW YORK, March 25—(AP)—In one of the wild scenes ever witnessed in a New York courtroom, a supreme court jury tonight convicted seven men of a \$2,000,000-a-year restaurant "shakedown" racket.
Two defendants wept and shouted curses at the court, the prosecutor and the jury.
"Give me the firing squad!" screamed Aladar Retek, a union official, hysterically. "I'm a murderer, a killer! I'm everything!"
John J. Williams, another union official, had to be taken from the court by force, he became so hysterical, and was unable to return to give his record.
From the time the jury started down the list of defendants, declaring them all "guilty" of every count against them, Williams began muttering curses which could be heard across the crowded court room.

Ballade of Today

The season when men contemplate the greatest act of self-denial, is here again; men re-create the cross and it is well worth while; if moderns only would accept and really practice what He taught, their every problem would be swept aside; no wars would be fought.