

Soft Coal Miners' Strike Held Inevitable

State's Policy On Grant Land Leasing Is Hit

Carpenter, Director of
Grazing, Says Owyhee
Welfare at Issue

Stanfield Confers With
Board and Explains
View Upon Deal

CORVALLIS, Ore., March 31—(AP)—A warning to Oregon that leasing of state owned lands on the highest bidder basis puts the state out of step with national conservation trends was voiced at the annual banquet of the institute of irrigation agriculture tonight by F. R. Carpenter, Colorado stockman and division director of grazing.

The practice also threatens stability of irrigation projects, Carpenter said.

He did not refer directly to recent leasing of eastern Oregon state lands to a private concern.

"The type of cover on lands can affect the whole agricultural and economic structure of communities," he said.

Owyhee Project's
Welfare at Issue

"Oregon has a great new irrigation project at Owyhee. Ninety five per cent of the watershed is grazing lands, under control of the federal government, the state and private owners. One-eighth of the area was granted to the state for school purposes.

"If the government and private parties conserve and protect the cover vegetation on their seven-teen-eighths and so stop erosion and silting, it will be immediate protection for irrigation districts.

"But if the state falls to cooperate and lease to the highest bidder, regardless of the use or misuse of the land, the whole project is endangered and excessive erosion from the state sections continues to pour into your reservoirs.

"This is a matter of immediate vital importance today in eastern Oregon, as many who read newspapers are already aware."

Robert N. Stanfield of Baker, who recently leased about 300,000 acres of state school land in Malheur and Baker counties at an average of 1.5 cents an acre, was in Salem Wednesday conferring with members of the state land board over terms of his lease.

Stanfield, reports from Ontario stated, had sub-leased six sections of the scattered lands to other grazing interests at a reputed 10 cents an acre, but he said at the conference that his bid to the state was the highest and best received after two calls sent out.

Stanfield said the company he represented, the Open Heart company, did not enter a bid for grazing land at the first call, but did enter bids at the second call. In commenting upon the issue, he said:

"The renting of these lands is all so new that no lessee can hope on so short a notice to utilize the lands in a manner to enjoy in them more than a fractional part of their real worth. So my bid was low in comparison to what I believe would be the normal rental value of the lands, but low as it was, it was approximately 100 per cent greater than the total of all other bids received, so I was the highest and best bidder."

Better Land Leased
By Others, Claims

"But before my bid was accepted I permitted the state land board to accept the bids of the others who bid more for a small (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Fascist Party in Japan Is Planned

TOKYO, April 1—(Thursday)—(AP)—Political Japan prepared today for a month's bitter campaigning, leading up to the general election April 30 made mandatory by the emperor's dissolution of the house of representatives yesterday.

As the contest opened it appeared likely that the main alignment would be the major parties, Minseitō and Seiyūkai, against the government of Premier General Senjuro Hayashi and the powerful army and navy factions whose insistence brought about the dissolution.

General Hayashi expressed confidence the electorate would support him and vindicate his cabinet's policies.

For his support the premier—and the military elements behind him—looked to the creation of a new national, fascist-inclined party. This movement received new impetus from the government's—and the army's—need of political machinery for obtaining electoral support.

WHERE FIREWORKS BLAST KILLED 21



Twenty-one women were killed and many others seriously injured when an explosion shattered a Manhattan, P. L., fireworks factory which employed 100 women. Fire which followed the blast razed the structure. Commonwealth soldiers and volunteer workers undertook rescue operations. Photo shows relatives of workers as they anxiously watched firemen. A series of recurring minor blasts hampered rescue efforts. —International Illustrated News photo.

Juvenile Bandits Still on Rampage

Trio Who Stole Car Here
Leave Trail of Crime;
School Fugitives

OREGON CITY, March 31—(AP)—Search for three youths who escaped from the state training school at Woodburn Monday centered near Brightwood at Portland tonight as state police and training school officials followed a trail of minor depredations.

State Policeman W. A. Lewis reported being nearly run down by the boys today while checking cars at Sandy. He said he saw the car approaching at about 80 miles an hour and leaped behind his own car barely in time to save himself after a futile attempt to stop them.

The three, Bob Franklin, Howard Cook and J. Randall, all of Portland, left the training school in a truck belonging to the institution. State police said reports indicated the boys stole a car in Salem Tuesday and later the same day held up a service station at The Dalles and drove away without paying for gas obtained at Sandy. They were seen in Milwaukie today, where they obtained gas in the same fashion.

After being seen by Lewis the youths are believed to have separated. Randall and Franklin were reported seen in the woods near Brightwood. Officers believed Cook drove the car to Portland, where it was recovered.

That three youths who escaped Tuesday night from the state training school may have escaped from Salem in the car stolen (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

Perry Has Cinch On Tilden Series

DETROIT, March 31—(AP)—Fred Perry, of England, clinched his five-match tennis series with William T. (Big Bill) Tilden, veteran American star, by winning his third victory tonight in straight sets, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

Perry had captured their matches at New York and Chicago prior to Tilden's victory at Pittsburgh last night.

The 44-year-old American scored many points on brilliant short drives but a large number of his shots went erratically into the net.

Revising Courthouse Floor Plans Is Near Completion

County Commissioner Leroy Hewlett yesterday had virtually completed additional revisions in floor plans for the new county courthouse. He will go to Portland Friday to submit the changes to the architects and urge that definite plans be worked out and brought to the county court next week if possible.

Three major variations from the plans tentatively agreed upon with the architects here last Friday have developed through conferences with heads of the county departments, Hewlett said.

The outstanding change is the shifting of the offices and work rooms of the county engineer and surveyor from the first to the second floor and of the county court hearing room from the third to the second in order that the most closely interrelated de-

Prison Tour Here Is Prescribed as Crime Deterrent

ROSEBURG, March 31—(AP)—A visit to the state penitentiary at Salem was prescribed as a preventative for crime by Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly today.

In postponing sentence on Al Every, accused of forgery, Judge Wimberly ordered him taken on an immediate tour of the institution by Sheriff Percy Webb.

"It has been my experience that check writers are hard to discourage from their practices," the judge told everyone. "Generally they continue until they land in the penitentiary. However, in view of the fact that you have a clear record and are recommended as a man of previous good character, I am going to give you a chance. You will be shown what it means to be on the inside of the penitentiary and then you should know you do not want to go there."

Mattson Suspect Entirely Cleared

TUCUMCARI, N. M., March 31—(AP)—The department of justice dropped unceremoniously today the case of Verr Chariton, held since Saturday in connection with the kidnapping of Charles Mattson, and Sheriff Fred White of Quay county indicated the man would be released shortly.

he action came suddenly with the arrival of M. C. Faulkner from the bureau of investigation at El Paso, Tex., to confer with Alex Street, operative from the same bureau.

"The department of justice has withdrawn from the case," Sheriff White announced, "and have advised Chariton be released."

The 34-year-old Seattle man's likeness to the description of the kidnaper caused the sheriff to apprehend him and call in the department of justice.

At no time were charges filed against Chariton, who submitted to arrest without resistance.

Lincoln Widow Dies

WASHINGTON, March 31—(AP)—Mrs. Robert Todd Lincoln, 90-year-old widow of Abraham Lincoln's son, died at her home in historic Georgetown today.

Building Increase Shown For March

Exceeds First Quarter of
1936; Permits For 24
New Homes Listed

Residential building in Salem during March, as shown by permits issued by the city building inspector, eclipsed not only the previous March but the first three months of 1936.

Permits for 24 new houses were taken out during the past month with the cost, as shown on the permits, totalling \$64,599. Building permits for March, 1936, totalled only \$26,045 for 13 new houses while the total for the first three months of 1936 was \$57,395, \$7294 less than for last month alone. Two years ago, in March, 1935, only two permits for new houses were taken out, totalling \$1600.

Salem's total building expenditure for last month, including alterations and repairs as well as new construction, was \$124,186. The largest permit issued during the month was one for the erection of a shop building at the new Salem high school at a cost of \$34,699. Permits issued totalled 101.

March construction of new houses brought the total of new dwellings for the year to 50, a third of 1936's total of 151 for the year.

Burglars Busy at Dallas, Rickreall

DALLAS, March 31.—Burglars were busy in the Dallas and Rickreall vicinity Tuesday night. The small outer door of the Dallas postoffice was jammed sometime during the night and sacks of outgoing mail were tampered with.

A letter from the local Standard Oil office was opened although it did not contain money. A complete check up is being made at the postoffice to determine whether anything of value is missing. The inner office was not entered.

Auto robes were stolen from the parked cars of two local residents.

The D. V. Price general store at Rickreall was broken into presumably by the same gang and quantities of bacon, ham, eggs, knives and other merchandise were stolen.

Police are working on the theory that all three robberies were committed by the same persons.

Sit-Down Issue Is Viewed by Martin

LAKEVIEW, March 31—(AP)—Governor Charles H. Martin will handle the sit-down strike situation if it threatens in Oregon, he said in an address before the Rotary club here today.

"I hope and pray they will not come," he said. "The other day Senator Robinson said they are state issues. Thank God for that. I'll solve that situation if it comes."

The governor visited here with members of the state highway commission on a tour of central Oregon roads.

At Bend, this morning, R. H. Baldock, commission engineer, said an attempt would be made to open the McKenzie detour over Santiam pass in May.

Senators Hear Heated Debate On Court Plan

Justice Roberts Singled
Out as "Dictator" of
National Policies

Dorothy Thompson Heard
by Committee; Fears
Eventual Result

WASHINGTON, March 31—(AP)—Two administration senators complained today that power over fundamental economic and social legislation now rests "upon the vacillating judgment and human frailty of a single judge" of the supreme court.

Minority of Indiana, a defender of the Roosevelt court legislation, and Schwelbensch of Washington, friendly but uncompromising, told the senate that the court's reversal on the issue of minimum wage laws showed Associate Justice Roberts to hold too much power. Schwelbensch called it the "power of a Mussolini."

Senator Wheeler, (D-Mont.), a foe of the President's bill, laid its proponents regretted the latest supreme court decision because it destroys some of their arguments for "packing" the court.

Statesman, Writer
Heard By Committee

Meanwhile, the senate judiciary committee was receiving testimony against the legislation, which would empower the President to increase the membership of the court unless justices past seventy retire. Dorothy Thompson, columnist, and Prof. Edwin Borah of the Yale university law school were the witnesses.

Miss Thompson objected to the measure as the possible forerunner (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

Will Hold Father In Model's Death

Charge Not Revealed But
Solution of Case by
Today Promised

NEW YORK, April 1—(Thursday)—(AP)—Gay Ronnie Gedeon's father, told again and again early today how he found the pretty model's battered body in her east 5th street apartment as police relentlessly hammered hour after hour at his alibi for the Saturday night before Easter.

The New York Times Quoted "a high police official" that "Gedeon will be arrested on a formal charge" today and that "under no circumstances will he be released."

There was no inkling of what the "formal charge" police might be considering against Gedeon, who reported to police headquarters last Sunday afternoon that he had found his daughter, his wife, Mary, and Frank Byrnes, a roomer, slain in his estranged wife's apartment. The Times said a pistol had been found hidden in Gedeon's upholstery shop.

(Possession of a pistol with-
out a license is a crime.) (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Sit-Down Starts At Fisher Plant

PONTIAC, Mich., March 31—(AP)—Workers on the evening and night shifts at the Fisher body plant here began a sit-down strike tonight. Police were guarding the gates.

The strike was reported to have been in protest against the alleged discharge of members of the United Automobile Workers of America with which the corporation signed an agreement following the widespread General Motors strike.

Late Sports

PORTLAND, Ore., March 31—(AP)—Dean Detton, 24, Salt Lake claimant of the world's heavy-weight wrestling championship, used his pet hold to pin Stan Charley Belanger, 187, Wignap, Kan., knocked down Frankie Hammer, 175, Oakland, four times in the seventh round of the semi-final, but received only a draw at the end of 16 rounds.

Steel Pipe for City's Water System Is Being Fabricated in Portland

Deliveries Late This Month Indicated; Concrete
Pipe Laying Well Along; Reservoir Open
House Plans Depend Upon Weather

THE way for early completion of the Salem-Stayton water pipeline cleared this week with the start of steel pipe making at the Steel Tank and Pipe company plant in Portland. Water Manager Cuyler VanPatten reported last night, F. F. Jenkins, superintendent for the American Concrete & Steel Pipe company, has notified the water department that steel pipe deliveries are expected to start late this month.

Construction of the approximately 11-mile long steel section of the water supply line probably will begin from the west end of the project, on Rural avenue at Fairmount reservoir, Jenkins' concern, which is well along with laying the nearly six miles of concrete pipe from Stayton westward, also will lay the steel pipe.

Delivery of steel pipe originally was scheduled for early January, but the maritime strike delayed shipment of plate from the Atlantic seaboard to the fabricating plant in Portland.

The steel pipe will be 36 inches in diameter for most of its (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

Half Hour Parking Enforcement Soon

New Signs Will Be Placed
and Then Rules Put in
Effect, Announced

That Salem's 30-minute parking ordinance, which has been lying dormant since its passage, will go into active operation within a central harbor council session at the state highway department began yesterday to prepare for the placing of standardized parking signs along downtown streets.

Holes for the iron sign posts will be drilled in pavements today and the highway department expects to have all the signs placed within three days. Eighty-five signs will be installed.

The signs, conforming to a standard adopted by the highway department will be rectangular and 12 by 18 inches in size. They are white with green lettering. Start Enforcement

When Signs Placed

Mayor V. E. Kuhn said yesterday that enforcement of the parking ordinance would become active as soon as all signs are placed. The new law is expected to cause some confusion among Salem drivers accustomed to parking for an hour's time.

As soon as the weather is suitable the highway department will begin changing parking stalls on downtown streets from the present (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

Violence Feature Of Newsboys War

SEATTLE, March 31—(AP)—Reporters were ordered out of the labor temple here tonight during a central labor council session at which, police said, numerous fist fights broke out in corridors and stairways. One person was injured.

The fighting apparently was over the current newsboys' union war, in which a "rank and file" faction was restrained by a court order from picketing newsstands.

Before reporters left, they said, the meeting was in an uproar with members of the maritime federation charging that teamsters were using "beef squad" tactics.

Violence broke out in the newsboys' war tonight, sending five men to hospitals and causing the arrest of two members of the teamsters' union.

Norman Davis May Negotiate For New Disarmament Meet

LONDON, March 31—(AP)—As Norman H. Davis, American ambassador in London, reached London today, there were authoritative indications President Roosevelt may employ him to feel out the possibility of a new move toward disarmament.

Although Mr. Davis' immediate mission is to head the United States delegation at the international sugar conference, the British press emphasized the significance of his arrival in connection with larger questions of world peace and economic cooperation.

A member of Mr. Davis' suite said some of the newspapers' conjectures were "not far fetched."

Old Contracts Expire as New Terms Argued

400,000 to Quit Work on
Friday If Agreement
Not Reached Then

Most Demands Dropped
by Union; Operators
Talk With Lewis

(By the Associated Press)

A strike of 300,000 soft coal miners appeared almost inevitable yesterday when negotiators representing the United Mine workers and operators failed to agree on a wage and hour contract to replace one which expired at midnight.

John L. Lewis, president of the Miners' union, announced after the joint conference recessed in New York that the miners would not work Friday unless they were notified a new contract had been signed. Today is a miners' holiday—John L. Lewis day—on which the workers celebrate the inauguration of the eight-hour day in the mines.

Most of Demands
Reported Dropped

The conference recessed until 4 p.m. today so a subcommittee could continue efforts to break a deadlock on the wage issue. Earlier it was reported the union had dropped all of its previous demands except for wage increases, time and one-half for overtime and the right to ask changes in the new contract on 30 days notice. Some of the demands were rejected by several large groups of operators at today's final session.

Lewis advised operators to arrange with the union's district officers for maintenance men to keep the mines free of water and ice. He said the union might be possible to notify some local unions today if a settlement was reached.

While the unionists dickered with the owners' representatives in New York, fresh disputes prompted by the miners' clerks, hotel employees and truck drivers to leave their jobs.

Employers' Tactics
Blamed by Wagner

Oratory averted the cause and cure of "sitdown" strikes echoed Lewis in the hall of congress. Senator Wagner (D-N.Y.) declared they had been "provoked by the long-standing ruthless tactics of a few great corporations."

He pictured the national labor relations act—a law he wrote—as the instrument for settling disputes if the federal government had the power and determination to force it on a nationwide scale. But corporations, he added, had "hamstrung" it with court injunctions.

A walkout of 1,200 truck drivers in the handling high-er wages tied up more than 40 fuel companies in the greater Boston area.

Gov. Frank Murphy of Michigan announced he would "press day and night" for solution of the federal Chrysler Motor Corp. when Chairman Walter P. Chrysler and Lewis resume scheduled parleys at Lansing tomorrow.

At Flint, meanwhile, a strike forced suspension of service at the 300-room Hotel Durant, where a state convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution was in session.

Four more shops shut their doors in a clerks' strike at Akron, O., bringing to 14 the number of "five to a dollar" stores closed by the dispute.

Six Convicted of Criminal Neglect

NEW YORK, March 31—(AP)—Six men were convicted of criminal negligence tonight in connection with the death of 19 workmen in the collapse of a new Bronx apartment house last June 19.

Defendants included two Bronx officials, Mitchell C. E. Trust, plans examiner of the Bureau of Buildings, and Albert F. Helme, inspector of masonry for the bureau. Others were Louis Stinberg, owner of the building; his son, Max, Harry B. Rutkin, architect, and Vincent Valentine, masonry contractor.

BALLADE of TODAY By R. G.

Before you venture out of doors your coat tails you had best inspect, take notice of the calendar and be forewarned what to expect; for it's the pranksters' holiday when trusting souls are held fair prey; "look ere you leap" on April first must be your never-failing rule, for if you slip you're sure to hear a raucous, merry "April Fool!"