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Farm Bill Is

Unacted Upon,

House Divided

Adjournment Is Called

to Save Bill From

"GOP Butchering"

Groups of Farm Members

Split Over Proposal

to Boost Parity

WASHINGTON, March 25-(AP)

-Split into wrangling blocs over

the \$1,067,000,000 agriculture

department bill, the house en-

gaged in tumultuous five hour

debate today, then adjourned for

the weekend without settling the

Leaders sought to hold the

tut finally capitulated to a ris-

Rep. Anderson (D-Mo), who

The republicans were in there

butchering the bill," he said,

'and there weren't enough dem-

ocrats on hand to stop it.

us in session until midnight."

about to begin direct considera-

tion of the parity payments sec-

tion. There was a possibility that

this would not be resumed until

Tuesday because of the preferred

status of legislation affecting the

District of Columbia which comes

Rep. Cannon of Missouri, dem-

ocrat in charge of the bill on the

would go through in much the

same form as his subcommittee

recommended, including the

\$250,000,000 for parity payments.

he said. "We've just been delayed

day or so, that's all."

Long Debate Ends With Farm Bloc Split

payments to farmers.

000,000 parity fund.

was the situation:

"We won't have any trouble,"

After long hours of debate this

Two groups of farm members

were split over a proposal to

boost the parity item to \$500,000,-

000 because, in recommending

even half that sum, the house ap-

propriations committee ignored

President Roosevelt's request for

Behind the scenes an active bloc

of urban members was jockeying

for support from the farm group

for the pending request for \$150,-

000,000 additional for WPA, in

return for support for the \$250,-

(The parity fund was proposed

in addition to other farm benefits

totaling \$500,000,000. Its spon-

sors contended it was needed to

with prices of things farmers

bring farm income to "parity'

German-Japanese

Defense Pact Is

TOKYO, March 26 .- (Sunday)-

(AP)-An authoritative source re-

ported today the possibility of a

German-Japanese defensive pact

He said the government had re-

fused to join an unconditional

military alliance with Germany

and Italy but might enter an

agreement by which Japan would

support the nazis if Russia "at-

tacks Germany without provoca-

His comment followed the clos-

ing business sessions yesterday of

the 74th diet in which minority

groups which have 106 out of

466 seats in the parliament pre-

sented a resolution advocating

conversion of the anti-comintern

pact into a military alliance.

against soviet Russia.

Seen vs. Soviet

a 30 per cent reduction in henefit

Parity Matter Being

Disclosed at Close

ing sentiment for adjournment.

for the farmers."

major payments for farmers.

Il Duce Speech Waited On Fascist Anniversary

By Observers

Signs Indicate France, Italy May Agree Over Colonies

France Makes Offer of Republican Ships to General Franco

ROME. March 26 .- (AP)-Fascists expected a conciliatory speech from Premier Mussolini at the celebration of their party's 20th anniversary today despite a strongly-worded message of sup port from Adolf Hitler.

The text of the message to I Duce was known only to a few in Rome because, contrary to usual practice, it was not made public Concern in Rome over the European situation has eased some what amid signs that Italy and France might come to terms on fascist claims for colonial conces-

Hitler's Message Is Not Published

Among those fascists familiar with the tenor of Hitler's com munication-which expressed solidarity with Mussolini against attempts to restrict the "justified will for living' of their two nations—the fact it was not pubished was considered a clear indication Mussolini's remarks would not be bellicose.

. A brief communique said only he Prince of Hesse, son-in-law of King Vittorio Emanuele, had brought Il Duce an anniversary message from Hitler in which the fuehrer expressed his participation in the ceremonies in the name of the German people.

The opinion was expressed that greatest prominence would have been given the message if it had been entirely harmonious with the line Mussolini had planned to

(By The Associated Press)

It was Benito Mussolini's turn today on the Rome-Berlin axis. Fascist legions gathered in Rome for their 20th anniversary jubilee and Il Duce was expected to use the occasion to shed some official light on what he wants from France.

Italy's "natural aspirations," never officially defined, have been given voice heretofore in fascist demonstrations for French territorial concessions.

Il Duce was fortified with a fresh pledge of Rome-Berlin solidarity from Adolf Hitler but fascists predicted nevertheless that his anticipated speech would be conciliatory.

In some quarters, however, it was believed Hitler's pledge, delivered on the eve of the Rome celebration, might be the goahead sign to Mussolini. Thus far It Duce has bided his

time while all the gains were going to the other end of the axis. In view of this he might feel the (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)



eversing the usual order of things as they have been recently, this morning we find Benito Mussolini rating the top headlines and Adolf Hitler down at the bottom but still on page 1. Mussolini was to make a speech on the international situation, and since his territorial ahus are considered a graver peril to European peace than Hitler's, Il Duce belongs at the top. Next is Premier Daladier of France, who'll be listening; then General Malinowski, one of Poland's chief military men, reposted to have that nation's army ready for action if it becomes necessary. Fourth from the top is King Carol of Rumania, whose country seemed to lie in Hitler's path but looks more secure at present; next is Baron von Neurath, who has taken charge of what used to be Czechoslovakia; then we have Vis-The Boettiger announcement taken charge of what used to be excelesolavakia; then we have Vission the first and many of the said Mrs. Roosevelt planned to be said Mrs. Roosevelt

Warlike Tone Not Expected Not Expected No Arbitrate

BUDAPEST, March 25 - (AP) The Hungarian and Slovak governments agreed tonight to settle by negotiation their frontier dispute which brought land and air

forces into conflict. A Slovak commission is scheduled to come to Budapest Monday to fix the border between Germanprotected Slovakia and Carpatho-Ukraine, Czecho-Slovak province annexed by Hungary.

(A dispatch from Iglo, Slovakia, said air and land fighting were reported continuing in the Ung river valley, a key zone in

(Slovak troops were moving eastward toward the valley and an air squadron based on Iglo (Spisska Nova Ves) left to bomb Kosice (Kass) in retaliation for Hungarian air attack Friday on iglo in which authorities said 10 civilians were killed and 27 wounded. Anti-aircraft guns were mounted on Iglo roofs.

(Semi-official sources in Bratslava, Slovak capital, earlier had reported that an armistice was ordered Friday night and both sides were holding their positions pending diplomatic negotiations). Hungarians asserted the airfield at Iglo had been bombed last

night in reprisal for Slovak bombings of "open" Hungarian Except for damages by air oombs, the only losses admitted by the Hungarians were two men

they said were captured when they drove by mistake across the line into Slovakia. Anti-aircraft guns were mounted on railway stations and bridges over the Danube as a precaution against air raids and day

Flood Threatens Glasgow, Montana

pest were ordered.

Leaks in Dikes Plugged but River Is High, no Deaths Seen

GLASGOW, Mont., March 25 .-(P)-Two leaks in the dike protectng Glasgow from the surging flood waters of Milk river were successfully plugged by emergency crews today, but high winds were driving waves against the barrier and causing erosion to-

The turbulent river was five feet from the top of the dike at m. (Mountain Standard ime). The water was rising three inches an hour. City officials expected no lowering of the river here before Sunday morning but believed the water would not go over the top of the dike.

Sheriff E. L. McPherson said boat crews were still checking isolated farm homes for marconed persons. So far as known here, no lives had been lost.

Saco, 45 miles west of Pere was described today as being near the center of a slow-moving lake. 20 miles long and two to four miles wide. Most of the town was under one to two feet of water after an ice jam dammed Beaver

The flood was called the worst n 40 years by Saco residents.

Siege of Madrid Is Held Near End

By The Associated Press) HENDAYE, France (at the panish frontier), March 25-The historic siege of Madrid tonight showed increasing signs its end was near as advices from both sides in the Spanish civil war said peace negotiations were almost completed.

Dispatches from the republican cone reported that railroad lines, since the nationalist siege began in November, 1936, were eing repaired and there were indications that life soon night surge back to the hungry, eleaguered capital.

Its capitulation and with it the erumbling of the last one-fourth f Spain still under republican ule was believed by border ob-ervers to be a matter of days at

(In Rome, the newspaper Il Giornale D'Italia reported from nationalist Spain that the Madrid government's unconditional sur-render already was arranged and that a nationalist army of occu-pation probably would enter the city Sunday.

Mrs. FDR Is Due

Critics Demand **Britain Hurry Europe Policy**

Aggressive Scheme to Take Appeasement Place Wanted

Poland and Italy Are Waited Upon Before Any Move Made

LONDON, March 25-(AP)-Briof steel around expanding Germany waited today on Poland and

It waited on Poland to decide pleted. where to seek to bolster her threatened security and on Premier Mussolini to show how much he still counts on the Rome-Berlin axis to give him belated re-

Growing impatience meanwhile was manifest in political quarters order to provide match - money at the government's delay in bringing out a vigorous new collective security policy to replace Prime Minister Chamberlain's discarded appeasement program. Three Steps Listed Necessary to Take

blamed delay in constituting the proposed anti-aggression front on its apparent unwillingness to take these steps: 1. Give definite military commitments to eastern European

Critics of the government

countries to gain adherents for a 'stop Hitler" bloc. 2. Impose some form of conscription immediately to show Britain's intention to play a full and night air patrols over Budapart in resisting possible aggres-

> 3. Broaden the base of the naministers with strong convictions about collective security, such as former Secretary Anthony Eden tion of the board. In the last two floor, predicted it eventually and Winston Churchill.

While Soviet Russia, after the first hesitations, appeared ready to join Britain and France in an anti-aggression declaration, Poland held out for more concrete proof of mutual aid.

Now poised in the jaw of expanding Germany, Poland refused by Representative Frank Lonerto invite nazi hostility by signing gan after the legislature had an unfriendly declaration which quashed his first proposal that was not backed by military sup-the state tax, for the benefit of port against a German attack.

to embark on a course involving a up to each municipality and the promise to launch hostilities presumption is that the communiagainst Germany on the west in ties where the firemen can exert event of an attack on Poland. cates, both among conservatives using insurance premium income and the opposition in parliament, for the cities' contribution. Insururged the government to take ance concerns declare the plan is

way to halt Hitler. mitments might embroil Britain party should be available for all in hostilities against her will in circumstances unforeseen.

Death of Infant Gets Police Eye

Alleged Poisoning Quizzed While Mother is Held on Check Matter

OREGON CITY, Ore., March 25-(AP)-State Police Captain Vayne Gurdane said tonight Mrs. Helen Reid was held here on a bad check charge while police investigated the alleged roison death of one of her 9-months-old twin sons.

The baby, Paul Reid, died last Tuesday of "acute poisoning," Dr. Joseph Beeman, assistant pathologist at the University of Oregon medical school, said after en autopsy. Paul's twin brother, Frank, also stricken, was believed to be recovering.

"There is absolutely no evidence to indicate how the children came to get the poison," Captain Gurdane said. "There is carryover member, are both rereason to believe it may have publicans. Oregon tradition calls been accidental."

Gurdane said the children's mother was arrested on a charge of passing 17 bad checks. He added that her husband, George F. Reid, was held under \$1000 bond in the Oregon City jail on a charge of passing bad checks at

Pedestrian Is Hit By Car; not Hurt

B. W. Bunn. 1085 North 18th street, was struck by an automobile driven by William A. Utley, route 1, Salem, at the corner of Church and Court streets Saturday night. Utley was cited to appear at the police station on a charge of having defective brakes, at the course day night. Utley's insistence, Bun was taken to the Salem Deaconess taken to the Salem Deaconess to the Salem Deaconess to the Salem Course.

Astna Carr of Grants Pass was elected district president, succeed the afternoon session, at which his present job when Governor session, at which his afternoon session at which his afternoon session, at which his afternoon session, at which his afterno

Keeping State Planning Body Finance and Industry Still Agitated

Firemen's Pension Also Among 100 Bills Upon Desk of Governor

Job Quest Is Continued; Tax, Parole Offices Are in Limelight

By SHELDON F. SACKETT Within the week, the remain-der of the bills passed by the legislature, 100 in number, will be cleared through the governor's office. Only then will the executive offices, busy with legislative matters since Charles A. Sprague took office January 9, have an uninterrupted opportunity to consider exclusively administrative affairs of the state. Allan Bynon, legal advisor to the governor, put in some long hours early last week checking over measures undistain's attempt to build a new ring posed of and when Governor Sprague returns to his desk tomorrow the technical scanning of the bills will be virtually com-

> Two bills still in the governor's hands which have occasioned much pro and con discussion are the state planning board ouster cities to levy up to three per cent on gross insurance premiums in pensions for their firemen. The proponents of a state planning board, led by Marshall Dana, Portland editor, are insisting the board be continued. The legislature did a rather complete job of killing it, apart from HB 165 which officially causes its demise, by refusing any appropriation for the board. So signing of the bill is only gubernatorial approval of de facto execution.

The board might obtain some federal grants if carried over in 1939 and 1940 but the probability is that such planning as is done in the state this biennium will be through existing interim committees and directly by the governor's office. The legislature gave \$10,000 to the executive departresearch work. David Eccles, budget director, said yesterday that he favored the aboliyears its state and federal expenditures amounted to more than \$200,000 and its specific accomplishments were minor. Firemen's Pension Is

Compromise Measure The firemen's pension bill was a compromise measure sponsored all cities, income from insurance The British cabinet was believ- premiums. The substitute measure ed divided on the issue whether leaves the imposition of the tax sufficient voter appeal will proceed to set up a pension system, such a risk as the only effective inequitable to their patrons. Other objectors hold out that any pen-But others feared such com- sion plan to which the state is a

public workers, not one particular The past week saw the state highway emmission situation settled with Huron Clough, former county judge and Canyonville resident, named to the position former'r held by Commissioner Tou-Velle of Medford. Douglas, Josephine and Jackson counties were particularly delighted with the appointment, believing that Clough will be considerate of their requests for early reconstruction of the southern section of the Pacific highway. The road from Roseburg to Grants Pass is admittedly outmoded by modern grade and curvature specifica-

That area is fearful that the Willamette highway over the Cascades and into Eugene will deflect considerable California traffic by that route via Klamath Falls. The sooner the Pacific highway is reconstructed, southern Oregon believes, the more assured the Pacific highway will be of continued dominance as an interstate roadway. Clough is a democrat and from that viewpoint is a logical choice since Herman Oliver, soon to be named, and Henry Cabell, for a bi-partisan commission. E. A. Aldrich, Pendleton editor, is expected soon to retire and with Mr. Oliver's succession to this po-sition, the highway commission personnel will presumably be settled for four years. Change of Highway Engineers Unlikely

Reports circulated during the don that R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, was probably slated for retirement but the ru-mors have little foundation in fact. Baldock is well-liked by Cabell. His work for the state has been conscientious and conduct-

Let European FDR, Hopkins Destiny Alone Borah Advice

Leaders Want Support

Charging Great Britain with enouraging Germany to swallow up Austria and condoning the disnemberment of Czechoslovakie, Senator Borah (R-Idaho) asserted tonight Chancellor Hitler has "no better friend" than England. In an address prepared for de-

WASHINGTON, March 25-(AP)-

livery over the radio, the dean of Investors' Faith Lags the senate foreign relations committee made clear he thought there was no reason for this country to take any step to aid the European democracies.

"What they (the democracies) are contending for is the realization of their imperialistic scheme and not the destruction of naziism," he said.

Borah made no direct reference o the impending controversy (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

Mott Optimistic members in session so as to pass the huge supply measure tonight, offered the motion to adjourn, said he did it to "save the bill

Oregon League President Informed Aproval of Senate Is Sure

"Furthermore, P.ep. Marcantocio (Al-NY) intended to ask for Colmbia defense league, said tothe reading of an engrossed copy day Congressman James W. Mott of the bill which would have held (R-Ore) had telegraphed that senate approval of the proposed Tongue Point air base seemed as-When the house quit, it was

"Tongue Point has never been matter of controversy in the senate and we expect no trouble

the appropriations committee and also the assurance of the naval affairs subcommittee of the committee on appropriations that the item will be included in the appropriations bill.

"It looks, therefore, as though at least our hopes are to be realized and that we will soon have an air base at the mouth of the Columbia river."

Carmody Favored By Ickes, Report Rural Electrification Head

Might not Accept Post

at Dam However WASHINGTON, March 25-(AP) -Sources close to the administration described Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes today as favoring John M. Carmody, rural electrification administrator, to succeed the late J D. Ross, Bon-

neville dam administrator. It was understoo dthe secretary preferred Carmody over other andidates who included Clark foreman, director of the PWA power division and former Senator Pope, Idaho democrat.

An announcement was expected within a week or ten days because new dealers, regarding the Columbia project as a yardstick in the cheap power experiment, believe the post too important to be left open for long. Carmody's acceptance of th

10,000 a year post, the same salary as he receives from the REA. was not assured. There would be no salary increase and he would be required to give up his homes here and at New York. He was quoted as saying he

noped he would not be asked to take the job because he considered his REA work more import ant to the public interest. "I hope there is not too much haste in finding a successor to Mr. Ross." he said. "Whoever is selected should be a man con-

(Turn to Page 2, Col. 1) Carr of Grants Pass Named To Head District Activians

vinced of and prepared to carry

out the principle that government

all chapters in the third Oregon ent at the noon luncheon, presided district of Active International over by Walter Lamkin of Salem, were in attendance at the banquet at which entertainment was pre-Saturday night which highlighted sented by the Silverton Active the district convention, held in club. the Marion hotel. The convention, under way throughout Saturday, was concluded except for the golf tournament scheduled for this aft- highway commission, showed two ernoon on the Salem course.

About 50 Activians were pres

At the banquet, which was followed by dancing, Harold Say reels of the motion pictures which three children of A. L. Lan

Held Slow in Recovery Plan

Gesture by President Showing Support Deemed Needed

in Campaign; Action Asked This Week

By HENRY PAYNTER, NEW YORK, March 25.-(AP)ome financial and industrial leaders said today early success of the business recovery program of Secretary of Commerce Hopkins would require one or two things by next Friday:

1. A "dramatic gesture" by President Roosevelt which would convince the financial community he will support the plan actively. On Tongue Base kins regarding the "seeming lag" in development of his plan, when in development of his plan, when he meets with "big business" executives of his business advisory council next Friday.

Some men who have championed the Hopkins program in recalcitrant sections of Wall street pointed out it had been jointly worked PORTLAND, March 25-(AP)- ed out it had been jointly worked out by business and administration leaders who had agreed, prior to its announcement by Hopkins more than a month ago, that certain things would have to be done, and done promptly, to restore investor confidence. Little Action Taken

To Impress Investors Not only have few of the there," Mott was quoted by Don- the administration, they said but some elements of the program "I have the assurance of the navy department that the Tongue Point item will be included in Hopkins program is fast dwindling, even among a number of its original "big business' supporters on the council ftself.

> Some, including members of the council, said they now fear that if neither of the two steps indicated is taken by Friday, various council members may withdraw active support.

> The program, they pointed out, was shaped largely through co-operation of business, implemented by the council, and administration leaders, approached by Hop-

Some felt that Hopkins' ill health might have had a direct bearing on the plan's alleged lag, and that, in consequence, he might be able to reassure his council Fri-

Employers Suing For Scrap Tieup

\$37,362 Asked From Port of Astoria, Chinese of River City

PORTLAND, Ore., March 25-(AP)-The northwest dispute over American scrapiron shipments to Japanese munitions factories reached the federal court today when the Waterfront Employers' association filed a \$37 362 damage suit against the port of Astoria and a number of Astoria Chinese.

Longshoremen refused to load junk metal on the Japanese freighter Norway Maru from February 24 to March 3 because Astoria Chinese demonstrated on the docks. The association accused the port of conniving with the Chinese and the dockworkers by providing buildings and docks for pickets. The suit was filed under the

Sherman anti-trust law permitting treble the alleged damage. The blockade ceased when the Astoria port officials agreed not to permit further scrap shipments. The employers, however, asserted the act was illegal because a port was a public utility and could not deny use of its fa-

Fast Ice Breakup Claims 8 Lives

DAWSON CREEK, B. C., March and fears the death toll might higher grew as a British Colu bia policeman began the 40-mi trip to the sparsely-settled area Provincial police were advise by Mrs. Frank Madden—just b