# Special Prosecutor Sought to Probe Court

## Union Builders He Is Governor Of Oregon now On WPA Jobs Are Affected

Strike Recommendation to Be Made Today, Says Mathis

Thousands Leaving Jobs in Nation as Longer Hours Decreed

PORTLAND, July 6.-(A)-B. R. Mathis, secretary of the Oregon Building Trades council, said today a strike recom-mendation, affecting union building tradesmen on WPA projects in Oregon, would be made Friday morning.

Mathis predicted the unionists, about 1000 of whom are at work in Portland, would join the "protest strikes" elsewhere in the nation as result of longer hours and less pay on WPA. Oregon WPA headquarters said it had no formal notice of any protest as yet.

(By the Associated Press) Additional thousands throughout the country, though confronted with a "take it or leave it' ultimatum from Washington, quit their WPA jobs yesterday (Thursday) in protest against extension of their working hours under the new federal relief act.

Local construction union leaders, miffed by abandonment of the "prevailing wage" principle for paying skilled WPA laborers, began voting official strike sancouts, and broader national action was contemplated by the AFL in Washington.

Numerous workers, on the general warning that they had only five days to return to work or be fired and they took up their

Reduced Relief Rolls

Contemplated
Administrators of the WPA meanwhile, prepared to make considerable reductions in relief work rolls on their own part to comply with federal orders resulting from

A reduction of 200,000 in last month's WPA payroll of 2,600,-000 has been ordered for the nation as a whole, and under the new act those employed continuously for 18 months soon would be laid off temporarily, with some

While Washington officials ex-(Turn to page 2, col. 1)

#### McGuire Claimed Sheriff's Slaver artillery engaged.

LAMAR, Colo., July 6-(AP)-Officers who rushed Earl McGuire across the Kansas-Colorado line tonight for salekeeping asserted the Oklahoman confessed the slaying of Undersheriff Ray Kumpf at Syracuse, Kas., last Monday.

McGuire, who told Garden City, Kas., officers he played poker a week ago with two convicts who vanished from Alcatraz federal penitentiary, was brought here to-night by Bud Warner of Syracuse, Hamilton county (Kas.) sheriff.

McGuire, ordered held without bond for the October term of district court at Syracuse, had related he played poker at Pueblo, dore Cole, who disappeared from Alcatraz December 16, 1937. Officials never were certain whether swim ashore from the island prison in San Francisco bay.

#### Hitler Tries out His new Airplane

today. It has a private room for called "The Grenzmark,"

"Grenzmark" (Border Mark) is the name applied since 1922 to a district just west of Pomorze, the Polish corridor, which remained in Germany after the 1919 parti-

The plane, a four-motored Condor built by Focke-Wulf, is the same type which has flown the North Atlantic.

#### Portland Youth Is **Motorcycle Victim**

PORTLAND, July 6.—(P)—David day. He would make no statement.

Dapp, 20, Portland, was killed tonight when his motorcycle struck brought to the penitentiary after Justice Reed refuses the request



Robert M. Duncan of Burns, president of the state senate, became Oregon's governor last night at the moment when Governor Charles A. Sprague crossed the state line into California to attend "Oregon Day' at the world's fair Saturday. Under the Oregon laws the president of the senate steps up when the regularly elected governor leaves the state or is incapacitated. Duncan arrived in Salem yesterday to assume charge of the state executive department.

#### Soviets now Win In Border Battle

Russian Papers Reporting Great Victories on **Mongol Front** 

MOSCOW, July 6.-(P)-Soviet Russian-Outer Mongolian forces were reported to have won a great victory over a Japanese-Manchoukuoan enemy during a four-day battle on the remote Khalka river battlefront in dispatches displayed today in Moscow newspapers.

The battle was said to have lasted from July 2 to 5, ending in the rout of Japanese regular army units and their allies which crossed the river into Outer Mongolian territory. Russians said it was the largest battle yet fought in the conflict which has raged

intermittently since May 11. (Russia and her protectorate, Outer Mongolia, hold that the border runs east of the Khalka, which flows north into Lake Bor. Japan and her protectorate, Manchoukuo, insist the river is the real

Amplifying a soviet communique estimating Japanese - Manchoukuoan losses at 800 killed and Russian-Mongol casualties at 100 killed and 200 wounded, the Moscow press described a vast encounter in which tanks, airplanes, artillery and infantry forces were

Today's reports were the first Tokyo reports of a battle since then have been ignored by the soviet press.

#### **Wreckers Razing Old Fire Station**

Razing of old East Salem fire

The building being torn down,

that will in the future house the yesterday as officials had been at East Salem firemen.

## Britai Egins Plan. Aiding **Allies in Arms**

Credit Fund Established for Loans to France and Others

British Air Force Will Show off in France During July

LONDON, July 6. - (AP) - Great Britain launched a series of moves today to strengthen the British-French front and at the same time e remove doubts as to the course she will follow in the event of new efforts to change the map of Eu-

These moves included: 1.-Introduction of a measure n parliament to provide a \$50,-000,000 (\$234,000,000) credit fund to help her allies buy arms. 2.-Announcement that the continent would see a sample of the British air power next week when 2 royal air force planes go to Paris for the bastille day exercises July 14.

3 .- Announcement that a number of air force reserves would be called up during the next three or four months as a test mobilization

Premier Refrains rom Speaking Although it was first reported that Prime Minister Chamberlain would make a statement tomorrow in the house of commons, informed sources said later that he would not speak since the govern-

The government also completed draft of new instructions which were expected to be sent to Sir William Seeds, British ambassador to Moscow, tonight or tomor-row in an effort to smooth out a tangle reported holding up completion of the proposed British-

the nature of the new proposals which were worked out by the British and French in a series of conferences both here and in Soviet Envoy

Hears Proposals Soviet Ambassador Ivan Maisy called at the foreign office this afternoon and it was understood the proposals were outlined to

They were one of the chief problems considered by the cabinet in two long meetings yesterday. (In Berlin, Deutsche Diplomaische-Politische Korrespondenz, semi-official mouthpiece of the foreign office, said the British (Turn to page 2, col. 7)

#### M. E. Klinger Loses Jewelry to Thief

Theft of watches and jewelry valued at close to \$100 was reported to city police yesterday by Maurice E. Klinger, 2010 North

Klinger told police his home had been entered, through a basement window, sometime between July 4 and late Wednesday night station at 18th and State, first when he returned from a holiday Salem substation other than a trip. Among articles he reported temporary affair in the old city missing were a gold pocket watch, barn at 13th and Ferry, began yes- a white gold wrist watch, a diaterday to make way for the new mond ring and a double Elk's Colo., with Ralph Roe and Theo- \$15,000 structure that will re- tooth that was a family heirloom. It was also revealed to police yesterday that burglars who last originally remodeled from an old, Sunday obtained three gold watchthe two made good an attempt to two-story dwelling, was establish- es, two post-dated checks and \$11 ed as a sub station on June 1, by jimmying their way into Maecording to Assistant Fire sonic and Oregon buildings' offices obtained also \$14.70 in Lyle P. Bartholomew, local change from the Boy Scouts ofarchitect, is now working on plans fice, 401 Masonic building. The for the new, two-story structure office had been unattended until

## BERLIN, July 6-(AP)-Adolf Hit-ler tried out his specially built personal airplane for the first time Rosser Becomes a Number As Pen Doors Clang Shut

the history of Oregon's labor ter- be withheld for 90 days pending rorism war was closed Thursday when Albert Earl Rosser, former secretary of the AFL teamsters of Oregon, entered the state penitentiary to begin serving a 12year sentence for complicity in Portland where he has been in the burning of the West Salem Box company's plant.

Rosser was dressed in at the penitentiary Thursday night at 6:45 o'clock and was assigned to a "fish cell," other details of his admission being delayed until to-

He died in a hospital at Hills-boro. Doris Verhei, 17, Portland, riding with Dapp, was seriously injured.

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Another momentous chapter in the mandate affirming conviction appeal to federal courts.

The mandate was delivered to the Polk county circuit court at Dallas Thursday afternoon, and Rosser was brought here from

George and John Mowry, attorneys for Rosser, Thursday afternoon said they would attempt to contact United States Supreme Court Justice Stanley Reed, assigned to the ninth circuit district, the state supreme court Thurs lay the attorneys could ask any of The woman's husband, Vernon west Fifth avenue side.

## WPA Strike Threater d Flood Toll 53 As Red Cross Hastens Help

Search Is Kept up for 47 Persons Reported as Missing

Damp Weather Is Hamper to Searchers in Beds of Silted Creeks

JACKSON, Ky., July 6 - (AP) Bodies of 53 persons trapped in their eastern Kentucky mountain homes anud drowned when a night cloudburst poured tons of water into small streams had been identified today.

Search was continued for 47 re ported missing.

Property and livestock loss was heavy. Railroads and highways were damaged badly. Red Cross headquarters i Washington estimated 1,000 families in the stricken area needed as

sistance. Reports from field agents listed 500 families in Rowan county, 100 in Breathitt county, 200 in Lewis county and the re mainder in various counties hit by "flash" floods early yesterday. Breathitt county - scene of feuds in the past-superceded Ro-

wan county as being the scene of more deaths as bodies were dragged from Frozen creek and from the Kentucky river into which it flowed.

Latest figures by counties of re-

Breathitt 27. Rowan 24. Lewis 2. Village of Keck Nearly Wiped out

covered bodies:

few miles north of Jackson, al- velt signed today the controvermost was wiped out as a 20-foot sial bill continuing his power to ment was anxious to refrain from | wall of water thundered against | change the gold content of the three houses. It was here that the 000,000 fund to keep currency relargest death list was expected. lationships stable on the world The 1930 federal census gave Keck's population as 38.

Humid weather and intermit-(Turn to page 2, col. 5)

#### French-Russian mutual assistance Bridges Set Back On Charge Details

SAN FRANCISCO, July 6-(AP)-Legal counsel for Harry Bridges setback in trying to obtain particulars of the charges against the west coast CIO leader in the immigration service deportation hearing starting Monday on Angel is- idential campaign. land in San Francisco bay.

Richard Gladstein, CIO, attorney, said he had asked Dean James M. Landis of Harvard university law school, who will preside, to require the sovernment to furnish a bill of particulars on the accusation that the longshore leader belongs to an organization

The government's only concession, in a refusal upheld by Dean name of the organization was "the communist party of the United

States of America," Gladstein said Landis ruled that the government need not disclose in advance of the hearing the date or place of the alleged affiliation, any written documents tending to prove Bridges' membership, the manner or affiliation, or any specific acts

### Martin Climbs on Garner Bandwag

PORTLAND, Ore., July 6-(A)-Former Governor Charles H. Martin told the Willamette Democratic society today he had joined the "Host of Americans" who were "first, last and all the time for that great American, John Nance

The retired army general and one-time congressman, who discussed the third term issue and control of the Oregon delegation at the next democratic national convention, lost the governorship to a neighboring boy wheat the primaries last year after them in the Krets yard. Interior Secretary Ickes and Sen-ator Norris, Nebraska independent, both new deal advisors, opposed his candidacy.
"Nobody on Capitol Hill was

loved like Garner and nobody on Capitol Hill loved his party and his country like Garner," Martin

#### Cryptic Note Clue To Suicide's Body

A cryptic note, "Where I was before," led to recovery of the body of Mrs. Cassie Ross, 35, from a power plant intake grating in the main irrigation canal here today.

FLASH FLOOD BRINGS DEATH TO HILLS



floods that followed a Fourth of July cloudburst took the lives of 53 persons in eastern Kentucky's mountain regions and left 47 yet unaccounted for. The flash flood swept over creek banks, over farmlands and through villages and hamlets. Photo from air shows the flooded countryside near Morehead, Ky .- (IIN).

## President Signs New Money Act

Presidential Continues Power to Cut Value of Dollar

WASHINGTON, July 6 .- (AP)-The little village of Keck, a Acting swiftly, President Roose-

money markets.

The measure was finally passed by congress yesterday and reached the White House only today. The two monetary powers had expired last Friday midnight because of a filibuster in the senate.

Because the powers had died. some legislators insisted that they could not be revived by the legislation enacted today, but administration men disagreed. Moreover Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau said he could see no way the law could be attacked in the courts. Republican critics indicated they had no plans to attack it there, but that the issue would be threshed out in the next pres-

After the signing of the bill, the treasury prepared to buy newlymined domestic silver at 71.11 cents an ounce. This price, contrasting with the old price of 64.64 cents, was put into the bill after a drive by western silverites. As for foreign silver, the treasury cut its price for such metal today to the record low of 36.75 cents an ounce, leading some officials to predict that the United States would no longer attempt to hold the world price of the metal at artificially high levels.

## 3-Year-Old Child Is Hurt by Auto

Three-year-old Richard Kretz was struck by an automobile and across the pavement after his sister, Barbara, 9, near their home at 1315 North 17th street at 8:30 o'clock last night. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Kretz.

Taken to Salem General hosital, he was found to have suffered a fracture of the large bone in the right leg. He was expected to recover rapidly, police were ad-

not blame the car driver, L. L. Weatherly, 411 North Front street, who was driving slowly and stopped within a few feet. Police asked Weatherly to report at headquarters today but made no ar-The girl was taking some toys

to a neighboring boy who had left

#### Lad Escapes Jail Via Fourth Story

PORTLAND, July 6 - (A) - A fourth story window at the Multnomah county courthouse provided escape today for Donald Yost, 16, arrested for violation of parole from the state training school at Woodburn.

The lad apparently pulled him-self eight feet along a narrow ledge above the street, entered an adjoining room and fled through

#### President's Mom Stayton Man New Off for Europe-Unscared by War

NEW YORK, July 6 .- (P)-Mrs. James Roosevelt, 84-yearold mother of the president, was so gay as she sailed for Paris today that she was asked if she really was not afraid of war. She turned thoughtful a moment. "I don't know," she said.

"I suppose so, but if it comes, I'll live through it. And if not she shrugged and smiled. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt. acompanied her mother-in-law to the sailing of the French liner Ile de France. The elder Mrs. Roosevelt will visit her sister, Mrs. Dora Delano Forbes,

## Dr. Smith Gives **Up Try for Bond**

for six weeks in Paris.

BATON ROUGE, La., July 6-(P)-Dr. James Monroe Smith abandoned today efforts to raise bond on charges that he swindled serted market speculation which lost close to \$500,000 was intend-

ed "to help the university." The tall former university pres ident's dropping of efforts to raise \$50,000 bail apparently was prompted by the prospect that release gained that way would be followed promptly by another ar-

District Attorney Charles A Byrne of New Orleans said he was prepared to file a bill of information charging Smith with fogery and operating a confidence game if and when the 50-year-old educator leaves the jail here.

The district attorney then announced the bald doctor of philosophy would be rearrested if he made bond.

#### Lindbergh Visits His Native Town

LITTLE FALLS, Minn., July 6 (AP)-Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh returned to his old home town late today to visit friends

of his boyhood days. Lindbergh, flying an army plane, circled Lindbergh state park here before proceeding to guard, in encampment here.

#### **Bend School Head** Howard George Succeeds

McCormack, Who Goes to Albany BEND, Ore., July 6 .- (AP)-How-

Stayton school system for five years, was appointed superinten-dent of Bend schools today, suc-vestigation at the courthouse. George's appointment was made

effective as of July 1, said J. D. Donovan, chairman of the board. The new superintendent was graduated from Willamette university and holds a master's degree in school administration from Stanford. He is a native of Ohio, and formerly lived at Wenverdale high schools. He is married and has two sons.

Howard W. George was a varsity football player and prominent | county money. in other campus activities at Wil-1932. He has been superintendent er in educational organizations of

His advancement to the much when Frank B. Bennett, superin- appropriated." tendent at Albany and also a Willamette graduate, accepted the Saem district superintendency. Mc-Cormack was selected to fill the Albany vacancy.

## 1 Gob Dies, 1 Hurt

SAN FRANCISCO, July 6 .- (AP)sion here aboard the cruiser Louisville, it was disclosed today. Gunner's Mate Rollie Jackson Belcher, 28, was killed when a shell he was working on exploded. standing nearby, suffered a ruptured eardrum and burns, and was taken to the Mare Island hos-

"In a brief announcement from Washington, D. C., today, the navy nearby Camp Ripley where he was department said Belcher was dethe overnight guest of Major Ray capping a live saluting charge S. Miller, commander of the 109th | when the explosion occurred. air squadron, Minnesota national Belcher was from Gordondele,

## Appointment of VanPatten Successor May Be Delayed

Permanent appointment of a | are both considered applicants for Salem water department manager the managership. Guenther receivto succeed the late Cuyler Van- ed one vote out of the five cast Patten may be delayed for as by the commission at the time much as 30 days, one member of VanPatten was appointed in July, the Salem water commission intimated here yesterday. C. E. Guenployed as the department's field ther, maintenance superintendent,

its regular meeting tonight. Final action is scheduled for to-

night's session on Commissioner Q. A. Olson's resolution request-ing the state division of audits to investigate all phases of the water system from the time of its pur- not been disclosed. chase in 1935 up to the time two years later that full control of its finances was turned over to the given a \$50 a month increase during the board are Paul

#### **Given Thought** District Attorney Talks Over Matter With Executive

**Duncan States** 

Request Being

perature Thursday 74, min-

imum 55, River 1.9 ft. SW

Possibility Is Seen That Marsh May Be Asked to Take Job

The state executive department confirmed rumors late yesterday that a request had been made for appointment of a special prosecutor to conduct the investigation of the Marion county court's auditing practices, with which the new grand jury was charged by Circuit Judge L. H. McMahan last

"The request is under consideration," said State Senator Robert M. Duncan, who will become acting governor when Governor Charles A. Sprague crosses the California boundary line en route south this morning. The executive department has

conferred with District Attorney Lyle J. Page and "parties interested" will be consulted today, the acting governor said. Page, who was known to be considering taking up the matter

with the governor's office, spent

most of the afternoon at the cap-

itol. He could not be reached for a Marsh May Be

Given 2nd Task Possibility was seen that Francis E. Marsh of McMinnville, who already is serving as special assistant attorney general in charge of the prosecution of County Treasurer D. G. Drager and W. Y. ard W. George, 39, head of the Richardson, former deputy freasurer, on larceny charges, might

vestigation at the courthouse. Judge McMahan in special written instructions urged the grand jury to investigation the official conduct of the county court "in regard to the audit of the books of county officials who handle coun-

ty funds. The judge asked the jurors to ascertain whether an audit of all county offices handling county funds has been made each year as atchee, Wash. He began teaching required by law, whether the auat Myrtle Point. Later he was ditors employed have been comprincipal of the Dufur and Clo- petent accountants and whether or not, if incompetent accountants have been retained, the failure to employ proper auditors has result-

If county business has been at Stayton since 1934 and a lead- court should be exonerated from rumors now current that the court mandatory provisions of the law larger school system at Bend is and thereby thousands of dollars one of a series of changes started of the public funds have been mis-

County Commissioner Roy Melson had no statement to make about the new development last that a special prosecutor had been requested and doubted if other members of the court were aware

## In Blast on Ship Rescuers Digging To Buried Miners

MINERSVILLE, Pa., July 6-(A) Rescuers dug their way cautiousy through the debris filled sixthliery tonight toward two "pillar robbers" trapped beneath a rock

Both of the miners were alive, partly buried in the debris, But rescue efforts were painstakingly slow because of the danger from another rock fall.

"Pillar robbers" is the name given by miners to those who risk their lives in what they consider the most hazardous occupation of coal mining. Regular mining crews leave large pillars of coal in the mines to support the roof. After a level is worked out, small crews of "pillar robbers" go in to mine this coal within limits fixed by law.

#### **New Parole Board** In First Session

role board spent virtually all of was designated as acting manager after VanPatten was taken to a hospital last February.

The problem of filling Van
Man.

Names of at least two other thursday considering 35 prison cases in herited from the old parole board which went out of existence June 15. Virtually all Patten's place is expected to be employed in the state engineer's of the prisoners interviewed by discussed by the commission at office, and Clifton M. Irwin, local the parole board have served their insurance man and commander of minimum terms, the 249th coast artillery of the

Oregon national guard. The water board relative to the appointment commission has also received an of four field parole officers authapplication from a Marshfield wa-ter works man whose name has law. Fred Finsley, parole director, not been disclosed.