

### HOPE TO BRING PEACE IN STRIKE OF GLASS LABOR

#### Will Hold Conference For Peace Today In Washington

By The Associated Press

Strike-plagued branches of the automobile industry turned their attention today to a conference at Washington between John L. Lewis, head of the committee for industrial organization, and leaders of glass and automobile workers unions.

Conferees included President Glen W. McCabe of the flat glass workers—who have 14,000 members on strike—and President Homer Martin of the United Automobile Workers. McCabe and Martin announced last week their unions would cooperate in labor disputes.

Some automobile companies said glass supplies were adequate for a month or so. McCabe predicted the strikers would affect the industry if continued for another three or four weeks.

At Kansas City, Fisher Body plant employees started the second day of a "sit down" demonstration protesting dismissal of an employee. They claimed to be 1,000 in number.

Detroit conciliators reported no progress in two "sit down" strikes by the United Automobile Workers, affecting 5,000 employees of the Kelsey-Hayes wheel company and another dispute involving 600 workers of the Aluminum Company of America.

Wages remained the chief issue unsettled in the 49-day maritime strike which tied up Pacific coast shipping operations. The unions and shipowners were called into new meetings to try for accord today.

Harry Bridges, Pacific coast maritime leader, asked Atlantic coast longshoremen, at a rally last night in New York's Madison Square Garden, to support the west coast walkout.

Joseph P. Ryan, international president of the International Longshoremen's association, has refused to sanction such a sympathy strike and declared Bridges had been discharged as an I. L. A. officer. Bridges denied Ryan had the right to remove him from office.

**Owl Mistook Fog For Night, Is Dead**  
A large hoot owl, one of the few remaining in the county, evidently mistook the heavy fog this morning for another night and didn't go back to his hiding place.

He was shot by Marvin McCurry near Little River. Another owl which may have been a mate was killed several weeks ago by Marvin's father. The owl killed today had a wingspread of 40 inches.

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**George Alexander Jewelry Store**

### Now Owns All Common Stock

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The Federal court in Western North Carolina. Mr. Mull has always been active in public affairs and is regarded as one of the best business men in this part of the state. He represented Cleveland county in the General Assembly three times in 1907, 1910 and 1926. From 1928 to 1932 he served as chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee and later was appointed executive counsel under Governor Gardner. That position is now called Commissioner of Pardons.

**Does Grand Job**  
Ex-Governor Gardner this morning issued the following statement with reference to the change: "I sincerely regret that my friend and partner, O. M. Mull, decided to sell his stock in the Cleveland Cloth Mill and go back to his first love, the practice of law."

"Although when he came to the management of the mill it was never contemplated that he would remain more than a year or two. He undertook this new work in the middle of the depression and he has done, as he does everything, a grand job.

"The Cleveland Cloth Mill today is in the best financial position in its history. It has always been a source of satisfaction to me to have conceived the plan for the organization of this industry in Shelby. Its complete ownership has not been acquired from the original stockholders except on a basis of liberal profit to each of them.

**J. W. Gardner, Manager**  
"It will be my ambition and the policy of my family to make this mill of continuing progressive benefit to the community and to maintain and improve the standards of living of its eight hundred employees and their families.

"I will serve as President and Treasurer. My son, James Webb Gardner, will be general manager and Aaron Quinn, Secretary and Assistant Treasurer.

"The Board of Directors will consist of myself, James W. Gardner and Ralph W. Gardner. Aaron Quinn and Mrs. O. Max Gardner, O. M. Mull, attorney."

**Continue Hunt For Big Plane**  
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ager, was pessimistic as he mobilized his men for a new ascent.

Jimmy James, veteran western air flier and a buddy of Pilot Sampson, was confident he could find the plane.

Volunteers from the regular army post at Salt Lake City, members of the Civilian Conservation Corps and ranchers—in all between 400 and 500 men—joined the search.

On snowshoes, skis and horseback they plunged into the mountainous region, intent on scouring an area approximately six miles square before dusk.

Glady's Witt, who recently figured in a cross country romance in which she quit her job, left one man waiting at the altar, flew to meet another and returned to work without marrying either.

The two men between whom the stewardess, sought spectacularly to decide commented soberly today on her plight. They are Erich K. Balzer, west coast steamship executive, and Pilot James A. Roe of Transcontinental and Western Air at Kansas City. Pilot Roe, on a flight eastward, said, "She is a very dear friend, but there are no definite plans as to the future."

Balzer declared: "If we had been married she would be safe at home now. We had agreed she could give up that kind of work." He added: "I don't love her any more—though I do hope the ship is found and she's all right."

### 800 Women Ask Duke For Jobs

ENZESFELD, Austria, Dec. 17.—(P)—The Duke of Windsor, suffering again from severe headaches, received 6,000 letters from feminine admirers today applauding his "romantic gesture" in giving up the British throne for Wallis Warfield Simpson.

Eight hundred of the writers also asked the British prince for jobs, most of them expressing a preference for secretarial work.

**Carols, Special Services In City**  
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Anna Coble, alto; Mrs. J. R. Robinson and Miss Nettie Rayle, soprano. Gifts for "White Christmas" will be brought at the Sunday school hour. Rev. R. M. Courtney will speak on "The Prince of Peace."

**Presbyterian Service**  
Rev. H. N. McDiarmid, pastor of the Presbyterian church said today he will speak Sunday at 11 o'clock on "The Humility of Jesus" and in the evening on "The Visit of the Wise Men." The evening service will be at 5 o'clock.

The young people of the church will give special music in the morning. The annual gifts and special offerings for Christian Education on old ministers relief will be taken at that time.

**Eastside Church**  
Rev. R. P. Hamby, pastor of the Eastside Baptist church announced this morning that his Sunday morning subject will be "God's Gift on the Tree." Young people will meet at 6 o'clock in the evening and at 7:30 there will be a musicale consisting of selections of Christmas numbers. Members will bring at that time gifts for the "White Christmas" program.

**South LaFayette**  
Christmas services at the South LaFayette Street Methodist church will begin Sunday morning with Sunday school at the regular time, the pastor Rev. F. H. Price speaking on "Christmas" at 11 o'clock.

**Christmas gifts for the poor and the regular "White Christmas" will be held at the church at 5 o'clock Christmas eve.**

**South Shelby**  
Following regular services in the morning and a Christmas sermon by the pastor, Rev. C. V. Martin, the South Shelby Baptist church will see a pageant on Christmas, given by members of the Y. W. A., under the direction of Miss Mary Abernethy. The "White Christmas" program will be held following the pageant.

**Chiang Is Alive Now Is Belief**  
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rector of Intelligence, announced "Chang Hsueh-Liang broadcasted a statement that protection had been afforded the Generalissimo."

It was believed the rebellious marshal Chang, who seized China's dictator and 20 other dignitaries in a sudden coup d'etat last week at Sian, had outlined his terms for settlement of the mutiny in his message to the minister of war.

Earlier in the day James Elder, Chang's American adviser, flew to Nanking from Sian, mountainous stronghold of the mutiny in remote Shensi province.

**FIGHTING REPORTED AS BEING HEAVY**  
SHANGHAI, Dec. 17.—(P)—Fighting around Sian for the release of Dictator Chiang Kai-Shek was reported today to have spread in a wide circle about the capital of Shensi province where the Generalissimo was held captive.

Loyal troops of the Nanking government and the rebel army of Marshal Chang Hsueh-Liang were reported by the official central news agency to have clashed 70 miles east of Sian.

### Gifts Come In To Army's Fund

The local Salvation Army today announced that plans for the Christmas season are shaping up well. So far many of the local clubs have expressed their intentions of aiding the Army with Christmas efforts.

Captain Ben Jones said that with the aid of the fire department he plans to give a party to at least 300 needy kiddies and give as many Christmas baskets as possible.

Donations to this project are as follows:  
F. L. Hoyle, jr. \$1.00  
20th Century Book club, 32 pair gloves.  
Cecelia Music club \$4.36  
Legion Auxiliary \$9.00  
Junior Civic League \$3.00  
Mothers club groceries  
South Shelby school groceries  
Mrs. Virginia Snyder Jones \$10.00  
O. E. Ford Co. \$5.00  
C. B. Redmond \$1.00  
Clyde R. Hoey \$5.00

**Man Is Held For Girl's Abduction**  
WHITEVILLE, Dec. 17.—(P)—Hubert Sheppard, 44, sought for a week since surprised in an underground hideout where Estelle Shaw, 14 year old school girl, said she had been a prisoner for a month, was arrested by a posse near here today.

He was lodged in jail charged with kidnapping and with offenses against the girl, who was lured from her school room Nov. 3, she said, by a note saying her father wanted her at home.

Sheriff H. D. Stanley said he and a posse of about a dozen men found Sheppard hiding in a cave near his farm in the Evergreen community. He quoted the prisoner as saying he had lived in the woods and slept in tobacco barns since he fled last Thursday night in his underwear and shirt from the hideout beneath his garage.

Previously the girl, who has been sent to the state reformatory at Samarand by welfare authorities, said she was kept in the cave for more than three weeks with Sheppard while he pretended to his wife because of a warrant out for him.

Sheppard fled through a tunnel when a posse seeking the girl raided the garage. Before being taken to the garage, the girl said, Sheppard kept her in another cleverly concealed hideout—a room in a haystack piled against the rear wall of his tobacco barn—for a week.

**Many Fail To Call For Bank Checks**  
Depositors of the First National Bank before re-organization, are slow to call for their second dividend checks, representing ten per cent on the amount of their deposit at the time of the re-organization.

Clarence Mull, assistant cashier, in charge of distributing the dividend checks, says it is not necessary for depositors to bring their participation certificates. Payment will be made upon signing a receipt at the bank.

Only one-third of those entitled to share in the second dividend amounting to \$26,000, have called at the bank for payment.

In addition, 400 or more have not called for the first payment of ten per cent made a year ago.

**Edwin B. Bridges Dies In Charlotte**  
CHARLOTTE, Dec. 17.—(P)—Edwin B. Bridges, 42-year-old Charlotte attorney who served as state commissioner of pardons several years ago, died today in a hospital here. A rare form of meningitis, the sequel to influenza, was described as the cause of death.

Bridges was a son of the late Dr. J. R. Bridges, president of Presbyterian college in Charlotte, and editor for many years of the Presbyterian Standard. After serving in the Raleigh as parole commissioner during the McLean administration and later, he returned to this city to practice law.

### Today's Markets

New York cotton at 2:30 today: Jan. 12.12, Mar. 12.17, May 12.04, July 11.96.

**UNEVEN PRICES**  
NE WYORK, Dec. 17.—(P)—Uneven price trends ruled in today's early market dealings.

At an active opening small gains were shown by American Telephone, General Electric, Loew's, Vanadium, Electric Power and Light and Commercial Solvents. Lower were Anaconda, Chrysler, Douglas Aircraft, U. S. Steel and Radio.

**COTTON WEAK**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—(P)—Cotton futures opened barely steady, 1 to 6 points decline under lower Liverpool cables and liquidation.

**WHEAT LOWER**  
CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—(P)—Wheat prices were lower here early today, because of moisture forecasts in Kansas and Nebraska. An additional factor was that the Liverpool wheat market reflected only in part rallies here late yesterday.

**CHICAGO HOGS**  
CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—(P)—U. S. Dept. Agr.—Hogs 25,000; including 7,000 direct; generally 10-15 higher than Wednesday's average; spots up more; top 10.30.

**Summary Of The Market**  
Furnished by E. A. Pierce & Co.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Dow Jones stock summary for today is as follows:  
50 dividend Pacific Gas & Electric common dividend.

London stocks steady, trans-Atlantic and German bonds easier, Paris irregular.

Havana: Thousands of cane field workers and farmers marched on Havana to support Colonel Batista, whose social program is threatened in congress, they favor nine cents a bag sugar tax for the support of rural schools.

San Francisco: Striking shipboard workers and Pacific coast ship owners began negotiations aimed at settlement of wage question.

Engineering construction awards this week \$39,853,000 vs. \$87,817,000 like week 1935.

Public service commission announces that electric companies of Cons. Edison system have agreed to cut rates \$7,000,000 annually in New York city effective Jan. 1, reduction makes savings of \$22,500,000 to consumers since 1931.

Caterpillar Nov. net profit \$743,251 vs. \$472,410 in Nov. 1935, 11 months net profit \$4.50 a common share vs. \$2.76 in 1935.

### LEGISLATORS TO HAVE A HOLIDAY UNTIL JANUARY 6

**Special Session Over In Seven Days; Many Problems**  
RALEIGH, Dec. 17.—(P)—Members of North Carolina's legislature rested from their public duties today after a record-breaking special session and prepared for the regular biennial meeting which starts January 6.

The special session covered seven days but only six were legislative working days and not a single negative vote was recorded as an unemployment compensation law was enacted.

Shortest in 1908  
It was the fifth special session since 1900, and the shortest of the other four was 12 days in 1908. In 1908 a seven-day "adjourned session" of the legislature of 1899 was held but this does not rank as a special session.

Faced with most of the same problems which have caused recent sessions to run from January until mid-May, the legislators expressed hope as usual for a short regular session.

The advisory budget commission met today to complete its work of paring down record-breaking requests for appropriations and to finish its drafting of revenue recommendations for the legislature.

Senator A. Hall Johnston of Buncombe, president pro-tem of the senate, predicted the regular session would be completed in about 90 days.

Senator J. A. Patterson of Scotland and Representatives W. L. Eagles of Edgecombe and W. E. Fenner of Nash said they expected legislation dealing with agriculture to play an unusually important part in the regular session's deliberations.

**Kannapolis Increase**  
KANNAPOLIS, Dec. 17.—(P)—A comparison of school enrollment with 1930 census figures indicate a 100 per cent increase in the Kannapolis population since 1930, when the federal census listed 12,000.

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### Name Commission To Administer Act

RALEIGH, Dec. 17.—(P)—The commission to administer North Carolina's new unemployment compensation insurance act will be made up of Charles G. Powell and Mrs. J. B. Spilman and Commissioner of Labor A. L. Fletcher, an ex-officio member.

Powell, secretary of state, and Mrs. Spilman, state Democratic vice chairman, were appointed to the new commission by Governor Ehringhaus within ten hours after a special session of the legislature enacted the law.

Governor Ehringhaus said the appointments had the approval of Governor-elect Clyde R. Hoey, who takes office next month. Powell was appointed for a six-year term; Mrs. Spilman, for a two-year term. Their salaries are to be fixed by the governor with the council of state's approval.

Powell was the governor's private secretary until his recent appointment to fill out an unexpired term as secretary of state.

**School Books For State Are Cheaper**  
RALEIGH, Dec. 17.—(P)—Clyde A. Erwin, state superintendent of public instruction, said today substantial reductions in textbook costs were made by publishers submitting bids for the new contracts approved by the state board of education.

Contracts totaling \$125,000 for 33 high school and elementary textbooks in five subjects were approved by the board in a session here yesterday. Erwin said the prices would be 20 per cent below retail cost.

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