

FLOOD DEAD 111, WITH 550,000 HOMELESS

Secretary Perkins Attacks General Motors In Refusal To Attend Strike Meetings

MOTOR GIANT HAS FAILED IN DUTY, IS SECRETARY'S IDEA

Police and Pickets Clash
Again in Weeks-Old
Strike, With Many
Persons Injured

PLANT IN DETROIT SCENE OF TROUBLE

One Woman and Four Men
Hurt; Labor Leaders De-
clare "Tomorrow We Will
Have Real Picket Line and
Nobody Will Get In;"
Coast-to-Coast Spread

Washington, Jan. 26 (AP)—
Secretary Perkins said today
the General Motors Corporation
had "failed in its public duty"
in refusing to accept her invita-
tion to attend a strike peace
conference.

**POLICE AND PICKETS IN
FRESH CLASH AT DETROIT**
Detroit, Mich., Jan. 26 (AP)—Police
and pickets clashed again today in
the weeks-old General Motors strike,
five persons being hurt as union men
tried to prevent office workers from
entering the Cadillac unit of the corpora-
tion here.

The clash followed closely on a dis-
turbance last night at Anderson, Ind.,
in which three persons were hurt.
One woman and four men hurt in
the melee at the Cadillac plant were
removed by union representatives for
private treatment. From the union
sound truck at the scene came the an-
nouncement:

"Tomorrow we will have a real picket
line and nobody will get in."
The G-M strike extended from coast
to coast today for the first time as
the corporation finished plans to re-
turn 33,900 of its more than 125,000
idle employees to work tomorrow.

Money Need Big Ally Of Liquor Folk

Legislature May Re-
sort to Statewide
Levy To Solve Its
Problems

Daily Dispatch Bureau,
In the Sir Walter Hotel,
By HENRY AVERILL.

Raleigh, Jan. 26.—Entering as it
does into every activity and action
of the legislature, the pressing neces-
sity of finding more revenue to meet
increasing expenditures has become
a factor favoring the advocates of
control of liquor in their battle a-
gainst the dregs who would retain the
prohibition system in North Carolina.
At the same time that this need for
money has driven State and county
controllers much closer together, a
rift has appeared in the heretofore
solid ranks of the dregs, this coming
about from differences of opinion over
the line of strategy to be followed in
their efforts to bring about a State-
wide referendum and thereby they
hope, outlaw the liquor stores now op-
erated in 17 counties.

Every day since the legislature con-
vened here for its opening session it
has become clearer and clearer to all
concerned that the law-makers are
facing a herculean task to raise
money enough to take care of the
vastly increased spending recommended
by the budget commission, and
now that institutions are seeking \$11-
60,000 more than the \$70,000,000 re-
commended in the budget, the task
has become even more difficult.
It follows, then, that anything
which will bring in revenue is cer-
tainly to get careful and painstaking
attention with the legislators already
favorably inclined toward it because
of its revenue-raising possibilities.

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Social Security Leader Tells Legislature Task Will Continue For Years

Act Not Perfect, But Most Effective Yet Found, Frank
Bane Declares; Draft To bacco Allotments; Retirement
of Judges Orde red; Money Bills Up

Raleigh, Jan. 26. —(AP) —Frank
Bane, executive director of the Fed-
eral Social Security Board, told the
North Carolina legislature, which is
grappling with measures to provide
old age and child labor aid, today the
problem would continue for years.

The legislature already has bills
for old age assistance, old age pen-
sions and aid for indigent children,
and a measure to provide for assis-
tance to the needy blind is due this
week.

Bane said "the Federal social se-
curity act is not perfect, and probably
will be the most amended law passed
by Congress in a long time, but it is
a constructive effort in the right di-
rection."

"The Federal program is the most
effective of its kind yet found," he

told the legislators. It is "an enabling
act" which leaves to them the ques-
tion of determining costs by fixing
amounts of aid to be granted and re-
quire State administration.

A sub-committee of the House Agri-
culture Committee met this after-
noon to complete work on re-drafting
the allotment section of the proposed
tobacco compact bill to limit produc-
tion.

**MONEY BILLS ARE BEING
RE-DRAFTED FOR PASSAGE**
Raleigh, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Bills to
provide for old-age pensions,
old age assistance and aid for in-
digent children under the Federal so-
cial security program, the legislature

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Counties Would Pay Fourth Of Old Age Pensions Funds

Federal and State Money Would Be Administered by
Counties, Whose Boards Would Pass on Eligibility
of All Beneficiaries; Bill Is Offered

Daily Dispatch Bureau,
In the Sir Walter Hotel,
By J. C. BASKERVILLE.

Raleigh, Jan. 26.—The counties
must share from one-third to one-
fourth of the cost of old age pensions
and of aid to dependent children un-
der the administration bill introduced
in the Senate and House last night by
Senator L. L. Gravelly, of Rocky
Mount and Representative Ernest
Gardner, of Shelby. But the counties
also have wide powers in the admin-
istration of the law, in that the county
boards of welfare and the boards of
county commissioners must first ap-
prove all those found eligible for pen-
sions or other aid before any of this
assistance can be given.

The maximum under the old age
pensions portion of the bill is \$30 a
month to persons 65 years of age or
older, but any person with a monthly

income of \$30 a month or more is au-
tomatically ineligible for the pen-
sion. Of this amount, the Federal gov-
ernment will pay one-half, the State
one-fourth and the counties one-
fourth. The bill also provides that the
county welfare boards and boards of
county commissioners, in determining
the amount of pension to be allowed
any individual shall take into consid-
eration his or her needs, expenditures
and stands of living, and that the
pension may be scaled down accord-
ingly. Thus, where it is found that a
person may get along on \$20 a month,
instead of \$30 a month, the smaller
amount will be allotted. No inmates
of State or county institutions will
be eligible to receive these pensions,
but can become eligible by leaving

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4 PRCT. SALES TAX NOT EVEN LIKELY

Talk of Increase Grows Out
of Incessant Demand
for Money

Daily Dispatch Bureau,
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Raleigh, Jan. 26.—Some talk of
the possibility of increasing the sales tax
to four per cent instead of decreasing
it to two per cent is being heard
in some legislative circles here un-
less something can be done to stop
the present steady and upward trend
in requests for appropriations. But
most observers are confident that the
sales tax will not be increased, also
that it will not be decreased, but is
likely to remain at three per cent,
with the exemptions restored as re-
commended by Governor Clyde R.
Hoey and the Democratic platform.
Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Max-
well today expressed surprise that
any one was even considering sug-
gesting any increase in the sales tax
and said that he was definitely op-
posed to any increase in the rate of
the tax.

"I think it would be very unwise
to increase the sales tax beyond three
per cent with the exemptions restored
just as I am opposed to decreasing the
tax to two per cent without any ex-
emptions," Commissioner Maxwell
said. "No other State that I know
of imposes a sales tax of more than
three per cent and I think it would
set a bad and dangerous precedent to
increase it. I doubt if the finance com-

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OUR WEATHER MAN



FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Cloudy, occasional rain tonight
and Wednesday; somewhat colder
today.

As Devastating Flood Rushes in on Helpless City



First actual photo of the surge of the waters of the Ohio river over the top of the 62-foot flood wall which has protected Portsmouth in other flood years.

WORST LIES AHEAD IN STRICKEN AREAS, IS WARNING GIVEN

Many Thousands Are Mar-
ooned in Precarious
Places and Many Are
Refusing to Leave

TOWNS EVACUATED BY THE WHOLESALE

Roosevelt Calls for Speed
in Congress in Furnishing
Relief as Lower Reaches
of Ohio and Mississippi
Rivers Are Further Menac-
ed by Torrents

House Will Pass Relief by Night

Washington, Jan. 26 (AP)—Con-
gressional leaders responded to
pleas of flood sufferers today with
plans to rush a \$790,000,000 defi-
ciency relief appropriation bill
through the House before night-
fall.

As much of the money as neces-
sary may be used in the stricken
area until the administration gets a
comprehensive view of relief needs
and asks for special or supple-
mental appropriations. The White
House said yesterday the govern-
ment would share the cost of relief.
The members of the president's
national resources committee called
at the White House. With a
national policy of water conserva-
tion and flood prevention receiving
much emphasis among adminis-
tration advisors, their visit was be-
lieved to have considerable signifi-
cance.

(By The Associated Press)
Fear-stricken tens of thou-
sands covered behind weaken-
ing levees or fled to higher lev-
els today as the monstrous yel-
low tide of the Ohio river swell-
ed to record-breaking flood
heights on its sweep to the Mis-
sissippi.

Edging in muddy, slow rising
torrents, the waters spread
over an area of more than a
million acres, taking a toll of at
least 111 known dead, driving
550,000 from their homes and
leaving many thousands more
marooned in precarious straits.

\$10,000,000 Property Loss.
Property damage was estimated far
in excess of \$10,000,000, and on every
side came the warning:

"The worst is yet to come!"

Great Exodus in History.
Wholesale evacuations of flood-steg-
ged towns in Tennessee, western Ken-
tucky, southern Missouri, Arkansas
and Mississippi, signalled the great-
est mass flood exodus in history.

Refugees poured out of Paducah,
Ky., stricken city of 38,000, leaving
behind at least 20 dead, and a threat
of fire from gasoline-fueled waters.
Red Cross officials announced 14
persons drowned with the capsizing
of a rescue barge there.

Panorama of Devastation.
From Pittsburgh, in the north,
where anxious crowds watched the
flood relentlessly spread over the bil-
lion dollar business district to the

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Embargo On Aid To Spain Seems Sure

Neutrality Agree-
ment Near To Let
Spaniards Fight It
Out Themselves

(By The Associated Press)
Heartened makers of neutrality
pushed ahead today to formulate a
working scheme for leaving Spain
alone.

Italo-German agreement to join a
general embargo of foreign volunteers
to the warring peninsula paved the
way for a practical plan to keep both
men and guns from Spain.

The London neutrality committee
was called to meet Thursday to ac-
complish that purpose and to let
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ROOSEVELT CALLS MEETING OF LABOR, BUSINESS LEADERS

White House Says, How-
ever, Purpose Is Not Set-
tlement of General
Motors Strike

DISCUSSIONS DEAL WITH LABOR LAWS

Preliminary to Legislation
To Be Offered in Con-
gress; Miss Perkins, Law-
Green and Chamber of
Commerce Officials and
Others Are Included

Washington, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Presi-
dent Roosevelt has called three con-
ferences of labor and business lead-
ers for late today to discuss labor
legislation.

White House officials, in announc-
ing the meetings, said they were not
for the purpose of trying to settle the
automobile strike.

Asked if the President had formu-
lated a program to place before the
conference, the President's aides said
the discussions would be preliminary
to legislation.

To the first conference at 2 p. m.,
the President invited Secretary Per-
kins, John L. Lewis, chairman of the
committee on industrial organization;
Sidney Hillman, president of the
Amalgamated Clothing Workers, and
Charles Howard, president of the In-
ternational Typographical Union, and
secretary of the C. I. O.

Next to meet with the President

Trial Bitter Over Treason Of Russians

Moscow, Jan. 26.—(AP)—The pro-
secutor and the presiding judge clashed
heatedly today after mention of a
"certain foreign official" in the trial
of 17 confessed plotters for the over-
throw of the Russian communist gov-
ernment.

"I absolutely object to restraining
the evidence of a defendant," Prose-
cutor Visiwinisky shouted, and then
argued bitterly for five minutes with
Judge Ulrich, presiding at the mili-
tary collegium of the supreme court.
Ulrich allowed the testimony to con-
tinue under stern warnings neither
the name of the official nor his na-
tion be divulged.

The argument interrupted testi-
mony allegedly implicating the "cer-
tain foreign official" in an attempt to
wreck strategic coal mines in Siberia.

Fresh Rains Cause New Floods For Rivers Over Eastern North Carolina

Seven-Mile Dyke at Caledonia Prison Farm Not To Be
Menaced, However; Cape Fear, Neuse and Tar Riv-
ers Will Rise Again; High Waters at Williamston

Raleigh, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Lee Den-
son, in charge of the Weather Bu-
reau here, warned today that "heavy
to excessive rains" during the last 24
hours would cause the fifth material
rise in a month of the waters of the
Cape Fear, Neuse, Tar and lower
Roanoke rivers.

The Roanoke rise, however, will
come below Weldon from present in-
dications, Denson said, and will not
threaten the seven-mile dyke at Caledonia
prison farm.

"It rained hard yesterday and last
night at Caledonia and a material rise
in the river there now would doubt-
less break the dykes," penal division

Director Oscar Pitts said.
Denson said the Neuse, already
slightly out of its banks, would rise
a little higher at Goldsboro and Smith
field, and its flood would be prolonged,
while new rises and possible floods
would occur in the Cape Fear and Tar
rivers.

At Williamston, where the Roanoke
has been in flood since January 7, the
water was 13 feet today and still ris-
ing. Riverside terminals and lumber
yards were under water, but the town
was not threatened.

A wind blowing water up the river
and two inches of rain forced the
stream higher than had been forecast.

TAR HEELS DONATE FUNDS GENEROUSLY

Throughout Carolinas Citi-
zens Spring To Aid of
Flood Regions

(By The Associated Press.)
Carolina citizens gave liberally to-
day of their man power, navigation
facilities, money and other resources
to aid flood sufferers in the stricken
Ohio river valley.

In dozens of communities through-
out the two states Red Cross quotas
were quickly over-subscribed and
goals doubled and more contributions
gathered.

Winston-Salem WPA sewing rooms
were mobilized, with 40 women on
hand to bend every resource in mak-
ing mattresses to send to the flood
area.

A special train bearing 25 surfmen
and seven motored surf boats from
North Carolina Coast Guard stations,
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TRIPLE INQUIRY OF BUS TRAGEDY BEGUN

Civil Authorities, State Commission
and Owners of Bus Line Are
Investigating

G. O. P. TO ASSUME MILITANT ATTACK

Handful of Republicans In
House To Heckle Demo-
cratic Majority

Washington, Jan. 26.—(AP)—The
House Republicans embarked today
on a "militant" campaign of opposi-
tion to any Democratic proposals they
deem inimical to the nation's interest.

They instructed their leader, Rep-
resentative Snell, of New York, at a
conference last night to name a nine-
man policy committee to work out a
party program.

"We are attempting to organize a
militant, cohesive minority," said Snell.
Several made it clear they consid-
ered this course the best basis for a
drive to regain lost party power.

They said their best orators would
bombard administration action or leg-
islation they considered unsound or
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GASTONIA MAN IS ACCUSED OF DEATH

John Childers, 67, Charged With
Murder of George Hamrick, 25,
Fatally Shot Jan. 9

Gastonia, Jan. 26 (AP)—John Child-
ers, 60, lumber plant employee, was
charged with murder today following
the death of George Hamrick, 25, from
bullet wounds allegedly inflicted by
Childers January 9. Police, unin-
formed of Hamrick's death until last
night, issued the murder warrant to-
day.

Childers is still at liberty under
\$2,000 bond, but may be rearrested to-
day, police said. The shooting was
unexplained.