CONGRESS CONTINUES ARGUMENT ON COURT

NEW TESTS AWAIT ON STRIKE FRONTS OVER THE NATION

TWENTY-FOURTH YEAR

Sitdown "Still Effective," Homer Martin Says, Despite Reverses During Week

MINNESOTA THREAT TO SEIZE UTILITIES

Governor Says He Will Take If Law Will Allow; Martin Becomes Defiant Toward Governor of New Jersey Over Strikes

By The Associated Press) A troublous week on the wide labor conflict front ended today with new tests of strength indicated.

With an estimated 30,000 workers still idle because of controversies, many of which involved the sitdown, President Homer Martin, of the U. A. W. A., took occasion to assert this strike weapon was "still effective." His remarks in New York apparently were motiviated by setbacks to sitdowners during the week at Waukegan, Ill., and Santa Monica, Cal. Governor Elmer Benson, of Min-

nesota, championing the cause of striking utility workers in Minneapolis announced through his secretary he was prepared to take over the strikebound North States Power Company plant if he finds authority in law. The first outbreak to mar the peace-

ful mood of a score of Detroit labor disputes resulted in injuries to a woman and two men at the Ferro Stamp ing Company when lead pellets were hurled in a row between union and non-union forces. In the continuing argument over the sitdown strike, at least three governors have voiced opposition to this technique.

Governor Henry Horner, of Illinois said there was "no warrant in law to justify a so-called sitdown strike," and Governors Wilbur Cross of Conecticut and Harold G. Hoffman of New Jersey warned they would tolerate no sitdown strikes in their states.

Governor Hoffman's announcement drew from Martin a rejoiner that sitdown strikes would be conducted "whether he likes it or not." Martin said the governor would "move out of the way" if he doesn't "join with us."

STRIKES AT A GLANCE

(By The Associated Press.) Strikes at a lance:

Waukegan, Ill.—Two C. I. O. organizers jailed in aftermath of tear gas attack routing 61 sitdown strikers from Fansteel Metallurgical Corporation plant. Newark, N. J.—Homer Martin, auto union head, defies Governor

Hoffman's warning against sit-down strikes; C. I. O. launches New Jersey unionization drive. Janesville, Wis. - Union and company officers seek settlement of dispute between union and nonunion workers which closed two General Motors plants.

Santa Monica, Cal.—Strike leaders forecast tight picket lines to prevent reopening of Douglass Aircraft Corporation plant next week. Northrup plant plans re-opening Monday.

Smoak Set To Die In Poisonings

mington, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Attorof his two wives and 16daughter, mapped plans toan appeal after a jury conhe stolid carpenter to die.

er a five-day trial, the jury confirst degree murder, a verdict which old age pensions bill just about in the death, and Judge J. H. Clement sen- Senate and that the Senate will ap-

tenced him to die April 23. Solicitor John Burney said, in view of the verdict, he did not plan to try smooth of the verdict, he did not plan to try smooth or try smooth Smoak on a second indictment charg-ing him with the poison murder of second wife, Mrs. Alice Mason Amoak, who died in July, 1935.

Compacts Collapse Brings A New Crisis To Tobacco Grower

Huge Crop, With Low Prices, Seen As Almost Certain, With Another March on Washington Probable When Markets Open At Starvation Prices

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. By HENRY AVERILL. Raleigh, Feb. 27-Legislators from

tobacco growing counties are freely Over Strike-Bound Plants predicting a new and severe "crisis" as the result of the collapse of compact legislation. The only hope of avoiding such a

crisis lies with the companies which buy tobacco, these law makers believe, and most observers do not expect much in that direction.

The result is likely, in fact probably, to be another "March on Washington" such as embattled growers staged in 1934 when short opening prices brought a closing of all warehouses in the State, largely through the vigorous action of Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus, whose course throughout the previous tobacco "crisis" is

being more and more vindicated every

Huge Crop Certain The views of Representative W. E. Fenner, Nash, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, are illuminting and characteristic of the reaction of most legislators from the weed belt.

"It's now too late to do anything at all about the 1937 crop," said Mr. Fenner in discussing the tobacco sit-

"With Georgia and South Carolina definitely in opposition, compacts between the tobacco-growing states are obviously out of the picture. "The Federal government's hands

are tied by the Supreme Court's AAA decision. Congress can't enact any

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Deck Is Being Cleared For Early Adjournment For State Legislature

Mysteriously Slain



Humphrey Pearson, 40, prominent writer of film scenarios and radio scripts, was found shot to death in the bedroom of his Palm Springs, Cal., home. Police refused to divulge the details of the tragedy, and questioned his widow and the Pearson

butler.
(Central Press)

Revolt Over "Must" Bills Is Weakening tives introduced measures in a steady (Continued on Page Four.)

Hoey's Persuasive Powers Working Wonders; but Way Is Not Clear Yet

Daily Dispatch Bureau.

In the Sir Walter Hotel.

By J. C. BASKERVILL

Raleigh, Feb. 27.—The mild but determined revolt which has been in evidence in both houses for several days against some of the administra-Edgar Smoak, accused poi- tion measures—especially against the old age pensions and free textbooks bills-is giving signs of weakening. Accordingly, most observers are inclined to believe that when the House was tried on a charge of and Senate members come back Monmurdering his daughter, Annie day afternoon or night they will just about have recovered from the rathso poisoned his wives, who died 14 er bad case of leislative jitters they Years apart, to collect \$500 in insur- developed this week and will be more in a mood to head the wishes of Governor Clyde R. Hoey. This means that the 39-year-old defendant of the House will go ahead and pass the after midnight at which they finished an automatic sentence of same form as it was passed by the prove the free textbooks bill, which

Good Trouble Shooter. While it is agreed that the General

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Tax and Appropriations Measures Passed by **Both Houses During** Week Just Ended

LOCAL BILLS BEING RUSHED TO PASSAGE

Fight Over Social Security and Reorganization of **Highway Commission Are** Major Bills Remaining; Child Labor Bill Must Also Be Acted On

By RALPH L. HOWLAND Raleigh, Feb. 27 (AP)-The General Assembly continuing its record-setting clip, disposed this week of the \$76,-000,000 revenue bill and the \$145,000,000 appropriations measure.

The tax measure passed the House on third reading early today, shortly after the representatives had approved Senate amendments to the spending proposal.

Major items now standing in the way of adjournment are reorganization of the highway commission, free school textbooks and old age assistance and child aid bills.

So sure were legislators of early adjournment that they asked presiding officers to appoint a calendar committee and child aid bills. Old committees would be discharged. Such action under precedent is not taken until the closing days of the session.

Bills Pass by Score

Committee and floor sessions continued at top speed as bills were acted upon by the scores. Representa-

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19 BILLS PASSED BY STATE SENATE

House Not In Session After Post-Midnight Revenue Passage

Raleigh, Feb. 27 .- (AP)-Eight senators passed 19 bills at a perfunctory

legislative session today. Measures enacted into law would ban sale of gasoline to intoxicated drivers in Cumberland and Johnston counties, and prohibit sale of alcoholic beverages in a Wilkes township. One sent the House would prohibit sales county.

House members rested after an early morning meeting a few minutes work on the \$76,000,000 general fund biennial tax bill. Next meetings of the legislative di-

visions will be held at 8 o'clock Mon-Among the bills the Senate passed and sent to the House was HB 414, by Eagles of Edgecombe, to change penalties for public drunkenness in Edge"Liquidated"



Ras Desta Remtu, last of the pow erful Ethiopian chieftains opposing Italian seizure of Ethiopia, has been captured and executed on orders of Premier Mussolini of Italy. The Ras was a son-in-law of Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia.

MORE ROAD BONDS

Its Money Taken for Other Purposes, Highway Commission Has No Alternative

BOND ISSUE MUST

ment May Hold It to \$10,-000,000; Only Way Out Is Bonds, Says Waynick, Who Has Opposed That Course Up to Now

Daily Dispatch Bureau.
In the Sir Walter Hotel.
By J. C. BASKERVILL
Raleigh, Feb. 27.—A new highway bond issue offers the only hope for any material improvement in the secondary or county highway system in North Carolina, now that the General tures here are not very high. They do Assembly has already adopted a rev- not get into the 100's, as they often enue bill which earmarks \$4,500,000 of do in the prairie country. But it's true highway revenue for possible diver-sion into the general fund to be used the humidity." I've been more uncomfor current State expenses, it is generally agreed here today. As a result, Chairman Capus M. Waynick, of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, said today he would no longer oppose a bond issue to be used Nebraska had more than any other on the secondary roads, but instead would actively support such a bond chances of extending congressional issue proposal. It is also reliably reported that Governor Clyde R. Hoey stead of getting started in December, will support a bond issue proposal, provided the bond issue does not exceed \$10,000,000.

\$10,000,000 Bonds in Sight. Accordingly, it is expected that Senator W. I. Halstead, of Camden coun-

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DR. TOWNSEND ASKS FOR ANOTHER TRIAL

Washington, Feb. 27 (AP)-Dr. Francis Townsend asked today for a new trial on a charge of contempt of the House of Represen tatives. He was convicted of the charge

Wednesday in Federal district court. Sentence will not be passed until disposition of the request for re-trial. Arguments on the request probably will be held next Friday.



FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Cloudy and rain tonight and

WEEKLY WEATHER. For South Atlantic States: Fair and colder first of week; increascloudiness, rain and warmer middle period; fair and colder latter part.

State Revenue Is 24 Percent Above Same Period 1936

\$21,607,306 Collected, Compared to \$16,795,804 Corresponding Period Year Ago

HEAVY GAINS ALSO IN MOTOR VEHICLES

\$22,142,817 Now Compared With \$18,506,706 Last Year, All Figures Being for Eight Months of Fiscal Year Through February; Beer Taxes Higher

Raleigh, Feb. 27 (AP)-A. J. Maxwel!, State commissioner of revenue, released figures today showing a 23.93 percent increase in collections for the eight months ending February 28, 1937, as compared with the corresponding period last year.

A 3.59 percent increase was noted n February alone.

The revenue division collected \$21,-607,306.14 for the eight-months period ending tomorrow, as compared with \$16,975,804.37 during the similar period last year. The motor vehicle division, during the current eight months period, collected \$22,142,817.74, as compared with \$18,506,706.34 in the like pe-

riod last year.

That the State is drinking more beer was indicated in an increase from \$392,852.16 for the eight months period ending February 28, 1936, as compared with revenue from that source of \$634,095.43 during the eight months ending tomorrow

New Constitutional Amend- Effect of Hot Weather on Legislation May Be Very Unfavorable

> By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist Washington, Feb. 27.-Congress un doubtedly will be in session away on

into the summer. This prospect gives the horrors to many a lawmaker. It is the consensus on Capitol Hill that Washington weather, from about mid-May until the end of September, is perfectly fiendish. As a matter of fact, tempera fortable on Pennsylvania avenue at 90 than ever I was in the Dakotas at a dozen degrees higher than that.

With his lame duck amendment to the Constitution, Senator Norris of individual to do with increasing the sessions into the torrid months. Inas heretofore, the legislators do no now convene until 30 days later. Consequently they cannot get through so

PROTRACTED CONTESTS And the current session promises to

be an unusually long one. The Supreme Court issue will have to be fought out first. If the administration seems likely to win, its opponents will strive for delay. It will be a protracted contest either way, for

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Local Bills Being Pushed Before Close

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel By HENRY AVERILL. Raleigh, Feb. 27.—The panic is on

Adjournment is in the air and every legislator who has a pet project is rushing madly, wildly about the business of getting it enacted into law before it gets caught in the jam that

Of course all this unseemly haste makes for the enactment of half-baked, unnecessary and ofter positively vicious legislation, but nobody seems to think about it that way, or to care about it even if he does.

Friday's session in the House was a good sample of what's going on. For ed with that of the kidnaper. Little ing international supervision to block more than one and one-half hours the Charles was abducted December 27 outside military aid for Spain called

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Sentenced as Spy



John S. Farnsworth, former lieutenant commander of the United States Navy, has been sentenced to for the President asserted during the serve from four to 12 years in prison last few days they were non-comfor conspiring to sell United States mittal. secrets to the Japanese. After pleading nole contendere, Farnsworth asked permission to withdraw that plea and plead innocent, but the request was denied by the court in

Kidnap Baby In Argentine Is Murdered

Body of Wealthy Parents' Infant Found on Estate Not Far from Villa

La Plata, Argentine, Feb. 27.—(AP) airport. The unclothed body of baby Eugenuo Iraola, whose three-day kidnaping stirred Argentine as the Lindwealthy parents.

covered in an outlying part of his far from neighboring buildings. parents' villa about a mile and a half from the house.

The chubby arms were crossed over the chest. The clothing was not found. An immediate examination was begun where the blue-eyed two-year-old baby lived with his parents and six brothers and sisters to determine the

exact cause of death. It was believed he had been killed. Thursday, the day after he was kid-

(Continued on Page Five) MATTSON KIDNAPING **CLUE IS DISCOVERED**

Officers Skeptical of Redlands, Cal.

Man's Tale of Seeing Man and Boy In Seattle

Redlands, Cal., Feb. 27.—(AP)—Officers studied somewhat skeptically today a possible clue to the kidnapslaying of ten-year-old Charles Mattson at Tacoma, Wash., given by a always develops in the dying days of man who may have seen the boy with the kidnapers while still alive.

Police Sergeant Bert Parr said Dan Early, 42, of Los Angeles, told of meeting a man in Seattle last January 6 who had a young boy in his car and talked of kidnaping.

he knew only as "Frank", correspond- in Valencia, declared today approachand was found slain near Everett, Wash., January 11,

Says Matter Should Be Referred To People and Not Settled by The President

OPPONENTS NOW 33, PROPONENTS NOW 26

Half Dozen Counted for Plan Say They Are Non-Committal: Only 25 of 700 Letters to One Senator in Single Day for Plan; **Retirement Measure Passes**

Washington, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Senator Donahey, Democrat, Ohio, spoke out today against President Roosevelts reoranization program after his colleague, Senator Bulkley, Democrat, Ohio, endorsed it as an effort to "restore our form of government." Donahey, in his first public state-

ment on the court issue, said: "This entire controversy vitally affects the judiciary, a coordinate branch of the government, and should be referred to the people-the source of all political power."

Bulkley, also a Democrat, declared in a radio speech last night opponents should frankly take the position which they are really supportingthat of unqualified judicial supre-Not New Gain.

Donahey's declaration did not add

to the total of senators publicly committed, however, because earlier word had come from his office on his stand. Bulkley had indicated his views pre-The number of senators publicly opposing the chief executive's proposal

openly favoring the plan dropped to Half a dozen of those once counted

remained at 33, but the list of those

Congress had two much-discussed new laws to show today for its week's work, but still faced a puzzling stalemate in the dispute over enlarging the Supreme Court if older justices do not retire. While the Senate passed the reciprocal tariff act in almost routine fashion, the House dawdled on minor matters, and many members of both branches put in real work preparatory to an historic struggle over

judiciary reorganization Court Occupies Thoughts. The speed and ease with which President Roosevelt's tariff bargain-

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2 NATIONAL GUARD FLIERS ARE KILLED

Training Ship Crashes Near Chicago

Ten Minutes After Leaving Flying Field Chicago, Ill., Feb. 27.-(AP)-Two National Guard aviators were killed today, Chicago police reported, in a

crash of their training ship shortly

after taking off from the municipal Officers identified the fliers as Second Lieutenants Clyde Wood, of Chicago, and John Spake, of Berwyn. bergh case gripped the United States, Insignia on the plane indicated it was was found today in the grime of a a training ship of the 33rd Observapigpen on the baronial villa of his tion Squadron, Illinois National Guard Witnesses said the plane fell about The little body, bearing a scalp ten minutes after it had left the mu-wound and a cut on one leg, was dis-

Spain To Hurry To Beat Ban

Madrid, Feb. 27 .- (AP)-Insuring into mid-Madrid again today. Breaking five weeks of com-parative tranquility in the besieg-ed city itself, the shells began breaking in downtown streets and against business buildings. At least one man was hit.

Madrilenos, believing themseltves safe from bombardment because of the cold, cloudy day, ran screaming for shelter. Children playing in the streets scattered. Several passerby picked up the wounded man and carried him in-

Madrid, Feb. 27 .- (AP)-Govern-Early's description of the man, who ment leaders here, in Barcelona and

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