

LABOR LEADERS BACK FOR COURT PROGRAM

GRAVELY DEMANDS \$4,352,000 BONDS FOR NEW BUILDING

Nash Senator Will Lead Fight for Funds To Equip Many State Institutions

HOEY THINKS FUND 'LITTLE TOO MUCH'

Cites '48-Year-Old Death Trap' Structure at Deaf School at Morganton As Illustration of Urgent Needs; Finance Body Trims Money Bill

Raleigh, March 8.—(AP)—Senator Beverly of Nash, said today he expected, if necessary, to lead a fight in the Senate to provide \$4,352,000 for permanent improvements at State institutions.

Legislators came in slowly from a weekend at home but action of the House appropriations committee in rejecting a finance redraft of the permanent improvements bill in favor of the original \$1,980,000 recommended by the budget bureau was a major topic of conversation.

Many institutions need new buildings and repairs to old ones to save human lives," Gravelly said. "At the school for the deaf at Morganton, for instance, there is a 48-year-old fire trap in which scores of little deaf children are in danger. The State fire marshal says the building is a fire trap."

Governor Hoey said he felt \$4,352,000 might be a "little too much" to provide in bonds at this time for building. He expressed hope "there will be a satisfactory compromise."

The legislators aimed at adjournment March 18 as they assembled for eight sessions to take up remaining problems, including the revenue machinery and highway reorganization proposals.

With adjournment set for March 18, the North Carolina General Assembly started down the home stretch today and prepared to tackle the revenue machinery bill, a proposed \$1,980,000 bond issue for improvements at State institutions, and the highway reorganization bill.

The highway bill would divide the State into ten road districts, each of which would have a representative in the State board. The bill has already been passed by the House and is in the Senate. The proposed bond issue and the machinery bill have not passed either House.

The assembly will meet Thursday at Edenton. A special train will take the law-makers to the historic eastern city.

The free textbooks bill, already passed by the House, is up for third and final reading in the Senate.

Primary Day To Be Moved To Tuesday

Absentee Ballot Change Slaughtered; Will Take Revolt to Get Reform

Daily Dispatch Bureau, in the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, March 8.—Primary day in North Carolina will likely be changed from Saturday to Tuesday and the 60 "makeup to sundown" hours will probably give way to a 6 a. m. to 7 p. m. voting day.

These changes seem likely as a result of favorable report of the Senate Election and Election Laws Committee, headed by Senator Kelly Bennett, of Swain, voted late Friday afternoon.

The committee slaughtered proposed absentee ballot reforms, but salvaged from the program of the State Democratic Executive Committee day and four changes, a new registration of voters throughout North Carolina and tightening of restrictions on market at the day.

Unfavorable reports were given proposals to tighten absentee ballot restrictions, and earlier in the week, to abolish primaries for nomination of judges and solicitors.

Unless caught in the last-days legislative jam, the proposals favorably reported will almost certainly be enacted into law as there seems to be no organized opposition to any of them.

Long Agitated. Change primary day from Saturday to Tuesday has long been agitated in

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College Girls in Sit-Down Strike At Asheville



Some of the 300 students of Asheville Normal and Teachers college at Asheville, N. C., who are engaged in sit-down strike for an Easter holiday and permission to have guests on Sundays, are shown passing the time as best they can. They also are demanding radios in their rooms and more entertainment. (A.P. Photo.)

Opposing Labor Forces Meet In Washington To Map Plans

Widening of Bitter Rift Between A. F. L. and Lewis' C. I. O. Group Coming

MAY USE SITDOWN IN TEXTILE PLANTS

That Union, with Only 75,000 Members Now, Plans Drive Throughout South; Scores of Business And Industrial Firms Harassed By Strikes

(By The Associated Press) Opposing forces in the battle for control of organized labor gathered in Washington today to intensify unionization campaigns.

Their deliberations presaged a widening in the bitter rift between the American Federation of Labor and the Committee for Industrial Organization.

Enrollment of some 1,250,000 workers of the far-flung textile industry under the C. I. O. banner was regarded the next goal of John Lewis' group, whose leaders already claim about 2,000,000 members in several industries.

Elsewhere in the capital President William Green of the American Federation of Labor and 50 seasoned organizers planned to enlist the support of workers in the agricultural, gasoline stations, aluminum, cereal and seamen's industries, and fighting the C. I. O. all along the line.

Officials of the United Textile Workers, who claim about 75,000 members, considered the possibility of the sit-down strike as a weapon in an impending drive in southern cotton mills.

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Warships Speed To Aid Ship

London March 8, (AP)—Four British destroyers were rushed at forced draft through the Bay of Biscay today to the point where a vessel believed to be the British motor ship Adda sent out an SOS, reporting she had been bombarded and was sinking.

One version of the SOS said the ship reported she was being raked from fore to aft by fire from "an unidentified warship."

The SOS was received both by Lloyds, the great marine underwriters, and by the Croix de Hinn's Girondo, wireless station in France.

"Fire aboard—sinking," said the message picked up by Lloyds. The position given was roughly about 140 miles out in the bay.

An official of the line operating the Adda here said "as far as we know" we have no ship in the position of the one given in the radio messages.

That position put the vessel almost exactly north of Bilbao, Spain.

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Fresh Strikes Called In Motor Industry As Labor Battle Grows

(By The Associated Press) Against the general background of the growing struggle for control of organized labor, new troubles in the automobile field broke out today.

Richard Frankenstein, organizational director of the United Auto Workers of America, announced this afternoon at Detroit strikes had been called in all major units of the Chrysler Corporation in Michigan.

Two sit-down strikes developed in Michigan and the Chrysler Corporation rejected a demand from

the U. A. W. A.—an affiliate of the C. I. O.—for recognition as sole bargaining agency for the concern's 67,000 employees.

More than half the 10,000 employees of the Hudson Motor Car Company, which has been engaged in discussions with the U. A. W. A., were affected by a "sitdown."

Among union demands was one for a blanket increase in wages.

Four plants of the Chevrolet Motor Company, Flint, Mich., were closed by another dispute involving union and non-union workers' relations.

From Hospital Bed Directs Manhunt

Los Angeles, March 8.—(AP)—District Attorney Byron Fitts from his hospital bed, today took command of the search for the assassin who wounded him in the arm from ambush last night.

He held a conference at dawn with assistants and with Clyde Plummer, his chief investigator.

Physicians said it might be several days before the full effect of the wound is known. The bullet caromed off Fitts' left elbow. He is 42 years old.

School Bill Due Tonight In The House

Daily Dispatch Bureau, in the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, March 8.—The school machinery bill, which has been undergoing study and revision by the House Finance Committee for the past week, is expected to be reported to the House tonight, as amended by the committee and take its place upon the calendar for action Tuesday or Wednesday, depending upon when the House gets to it.

Since it is a tax measure, it will have to pass three readings on successful days so that it cannot pass third reading in the House until Thursday or Friday and will then have to pass three readings in the Senate.

Commission Retains Power. The school bill, as amended by the House Finance Committee, leaves the State School Commission virtually as it is now constituted, with the lieutenant governor as chairman and the State superintendent as vice chairman and as a regular member of the

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LAFOLLETTE TELLS GROUP BATTLE ONE AGAINST REACTION

George Berry, Non-Partisan League Head, Says Plan One "To Save America"

PRESIDENT TO SEE FARM DELEGATION

Supreme Court Passes Another Decision Day With No Major New Deal Issue Ruled Upon; Former Federal Judge Ritter Loses Impeachment Appeal

Washington, March 8.—(AP)—Labor leaders who fought for President Roosevelt's re-election, stepped out aggressively today in support of his court reorganization plan.

About 600 met here in a convention of Labor's Non-Partisan League to hear the plan lauded by some of its leading advocates and to urge congressmen to uphold it.

Senator LaFollette, Progressive, of Wisconsin, told the meeting in the struggle over the program "the strength of popular government in America will once more be pitted against the organized forces of reaction."

George Berry, league president, declared the proposal should be enacted "to save America."

Assistant Secretary of Labor Edward McGrady declared "the Supreme Court had nullified the will of the people."

At the White House, attaches arranged for a conference between the President and representatives of 16 farm organizations. The President has scheduled his second broadcast on the court proposal for tomorrow night at 10:30 o'clock, eastern standard time.

The high court passed another opinion session today without ruling on a single major administration law.

It failed also to give a decision on the Washington State law establishing minimum wages for women. Decisions on both laws were thus deferred for at least two weeks.

Halstead Ritter, former Florida Federal judge, convicted by the Senate of charges of "bringing his court into scandal and disrepute," lost in the Supreme Court his attack on the validity of the congressional proceedings in which he was convicted.

Echoes of the controversy over the court sounded in a Capitol committee room when members of a Senate subcommittee told farm leaders "there is grave doubt about constitutionality of proposed crop insurance legislation."

SOME WAGE LAWS ALREADY HELD UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Washington, March 8.—(AP)—The Supreme Court assembled today for a session which might produce opinions on constitutionality of the National Labor Relations act and the Washington statute establishing minimum wages for women.

Government officials, however, said they would be surprised if the labor relations decision were handed down before March 23.

The court has held unconstitutional wage laws of New York and the District of Columbia similar to the Washington act.

LOOSE ARGUMENTS ON SUPREME COURT

Even U. S. Senator Is Careless With Statements About "Packing"

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, March 8.—Resentful of the charge that President Roosevelt is trying to "pack" the United States Supreme Court to any greater extent than it repeatedly has been "packed" before him, Senator James P. Pope, of Idaho, a strong supporter of the Roosevelt program, asserted, in a recent broadcast:

"Holding. Coolidge and Hoover 'packed' the court with judges the majority of whom are set upon destroying New Deal legislation."

This utterance, among many others, just goes to show how carelessly disputants on both sides of the Supreme Court argument are expressing themselves. They do not look up their facts evidently.

WHO THEY WERE President Harding made two appointments to the Federal supreme bench—those of Justices George Sutherland and Pierce Butler.

President Coolidge made one—that of Justice Harlan F. Stone.

President Hoover made two—those

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PURE FOODS, DRUGS, COSMETICS BILL NOW ARGUED BY SENATE

Man 76 Accused Of Child Assault

Chadbourn, March 8 (AP)—Charged with a "criminal assault or an attempted criminal assault" on the nine-year-old daughter of a tenant farmer living on his property near here, I. M. Benton, 76, was arrested here yesterday morning.

Issac Duncan, a magistrate before whom the warrant was sworn, set bond at \$5,000 and the date of the preliminary hearing for Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Benton was released after posting bond.

Senator Copeland, Sponsor of Measure, Is Confident of Speedy Approval of Act

NEW BUREAU WOULD ENFORCE THE LAW

Committees Are Busy With Labor Espionage Hearings and Crop Insurance Program; Hearings Open Wednesday on Roosevelt Court Reform Program

Washington, March 8.—(AP)—The Copeland pure foods, drugs and cosmetics bill, subject for controversy since the early days of the New Deal, came up again today in the Senate.

Despite presidential support of stronger food and drug legislation, the bill has run at previous sessions into Senate filibusters, disagreements between House and Senate and almost every other legislative difficulty. At one time President Roosevelt said the measure was "Weaker than the present law. It later was revised."

Senator Copeland, Democrat, New York, was confident of speedy approval in the Senate, which passed a similar bill last year in the Senate.

The measure would tighten existing laws against impure foods and drugs, outlaw injurious cosmetics and prohibit false advertising of foods, drugs, therapeutic devices and cosmetics.

A food and drug administration would enforce the law with Federal court injunctions.

Senate committees were busy. The civil liberties committee turned attention to testimony of labor espionage by the William Burns detective agency.

An agriculture sub-committee called farm leaders for their opinions on the administration crop insurance bill.

The judiciary committee will open hearings Wednesday on President

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SHARP EARTHQUAKE FELT DURING NIGHT AT SAN FRANCISCO

Shock in Bay Region Reported Worst Since Great Disaster There of April, 1906

ARTICLES KNOCKED OFF THE SHELVES

Sheriff's Office in Granite Building at Martinez Shakes "Like It Was Nothing," Officer Says; Thousands Awakened By Shock In Area

San Francisco, Cal., March 8.—(AP)—Residents of the San Francisco bay region were shaken from sleep by an earthquake at 2:30 a. m. today which knocked articles from shelves in east bay cities.

Police at Albany and the sheriff's office in Martinez said the movement there was the sharpest they had felt since the 1906 San Francisco disaster.

The quake started an Albany burglar alarm ringing.

Hercules Logan, night deputy in the sheriff's office at Martinez, reported the quake shook the gigantic building "like it was nothing." He heard of no damage, however.

Thousands were awakened by the shock, which the Coast Guard station at Fort Funston, described as "sharp."

Newspaper office telephones rang almost continuously an hour after the quake.

The shock was less severe in San Francisco, where the telephone company reports hundreds of calls by alarmed residents.

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Co-Eds Are Still Idle On Strike

Rebels Open New Attacks On Loyalists

Efforts Made To Encircle Besieged City of Guadalajara in Northeast

Madrid, March 6.—(AP)—Insurgents launched a sharp attack today in the upper Guadalajara sector northeast of Madrid, apparently in an effort to encircle this besieged city from a new direction.

General Jose Miaja, supreme commander of the government forces in the Madrid area, said his troops were "resisting magnificently."

(An insurgent attack in force to batter down the city's five months stand against the siege had been predicted by defense officers as an imminent probability.)

General Miaja said he believed the insurgent thrust was only the first of several that would be launched by General Francisco's insurgent forces in an effort to sever another Madrid communication line and draw the siege cordon tighter.

Government forces, he said, were prepared to meet the attack throughout the provinces northeast of Madrid

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OUR WEATHER MAN

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Generally fair and cold tonight and Tuesday.

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