

FARLEY ASSAILS FOES OF COURT REFORM

Free Texts And Social Security Measures Now Law

Workers Now On Strike Are In Excess Of 100,000 Over Nation, Latest Count Shows

REVIVAL UNIONS ARE PREPARING DRIVES FOR UNIONIZATION

Industrial Conflict Envelopes Large Segment of Nation's Automotive Industry

SITDOWN ORDERED IN CHRYSLER MILL

Detroit Still Center of Greatest Idleness Resulting from Demands of Workers for Concessions; Truce in Chevrolet-Fisher Plants Reached

(By The Associated Press). Industrial conflict enveloped a large segment of the automotive industry today, raising to more than 100,000 the number of persons made idle by strikes from coast to coast.

While workers deserted scores of factories and business establishments to enforce various demands, leaders of rival labor groups drew plans for re-teaching unionization drives.

The United Automobile Workers of America, balked in its efforts to gain recognition as sole bargaining agency for 67,000 Chrysler Corporation employees, called sitdown strikes that ended nine Chrysler plants in Detroit. In addition to some 55,000 Chrysler workers in Detroit, 4,000 at the company's Newcastle, Ind., plant were made idle. The plant closed for lack of supplies from Detroit unit. The Briggs Manufacturing Company, which supplies Chrysler with bodies,

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Girls End Strike At Asheville

Asheville, March 9.—(AP)—Students at Asheville Norman & Teachers College ended a five-day sitdown strike today after school officials acceded to their requests for more liberal campus regulations.

Settlement of the strike was announced by a student committee, which carried on negotiations with Dr. John Calfee, president of the girls' college, and members of the school's administrative board, at the supper hour last night. A signed agreement was delivered to the students by Dr. Calfee.

Reaction On Bailey Aids State Much

Means More Patronage Power to Reynolds, Doughton and Congressmen

Raleigh, March 9.—The entire State is already beginning to benefit from the reaction to opposition of Senator Josiah William Bailey to the President's Supreme Court program and to the effects of the facial victory dinner here last week at which Sen-

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Victim of "Boy Gang" Slaying



The battered body of 4-year-old Beverly Ann Page (above) was found face down in the shallow water of Mill Pond, Windsor, Vt. Authorities say the child was not a victim of drowning. Her jaw had been broken and her body bore deep gashes and other marks of violence. Police Chief John Edmonds said that the child had been killed by a "gang of hellions" not much older than little Beverly. (Central Press)

County Politicians Are Balking Ballot Reforms

Abuses in Absentee Voting Are Powerful Weapon in Hands of Local Office-Holders in Election Campaigns; State Authorities for Change

Raleigh, March 9.—Desire of county political bosses to retain control of their little local affairs is responsible for flat failure of every effort to reform North Carolina's absentee ballot law so as to correct abuses which are almost universally admitted, in the opinion of most clear-headed political observers. This fact, which sticks out more and more like a sore thumb, is unquestionably causing grave concern, if not embarrassment, to Governor

Clyde Hoey and to prominent administration leaders, and it would not be surprising to find the governor applying some of the well-known political "heat" in an effort to break the strange hold these small-time and small-town politicians have applied to the bills embodying the recommendations of the Democratic State Executive Committee. As the governor and man of his leading advisers see the matter, there is little to be such a blow-up as will

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ROAD BONDS MIGHT NOT BE ISSUED NOW

If Funds Are Sufficient, There Will Be No Diversion, Hoey Says

Raleigh, March 9.—Governor Clyde R. Hoey wants the \$5,000,000 road bond measure, now on the House calendar, enacted as a sort of insurance policy with which to protect the county roads, provided there should be a decrease in either general or highway fund revenues, he intimated today. For while Governor Hoey is convinced it will not be necessary to divert any highway funds to the general fund at the close of the first year of the biennium, he believes that it will be a good thing to have the authority to issue \$5,000,000 worth of road bonds for the county roads if revenues should slump any the second year of the biennium or if unusual weather conditions should again do

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SCHOOL MACHINERY TO PASS QUICKLY

Lieutenant Governor to Continue Head, Instead of Mr. Erwin

Raleigh, March 9.—The school machinery bill as amended by the House Finance Committee, is expected to pass with little opposition, especially as a result of the inclusion of an amendment suggested by Governor Clyde R. Hoey designed to bring about closer coordination between the State Department of Public Instruction and the State School Commission. The bill is expected to pass its three readings in the House by Friday and then go to the Senate, where it is expected to have less opposition than it had in the House. The bill, as amended, leaves the lieutenant governor as chairman of the commission, as at present, in spite of the insistence of the school forces that the State superintendent of pub-

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SENATE VOTE FOR SECURITY MEASURE FULLY UNANIMOUS

House Amendments Are Adopted and House Accepts Amendments on Textbook Bill

CHEAPER AUTO TAG IS VOTED IN HOUSE

House Cuts Adult Education Fund to \$25,000, Half of Amount Asked; Both Houses Vigorously Attack Calendars for Speedy Adjournalment

Raleigh, March 9 (AP)—The legislature enacted into law today the free textbooks and old age and child aid bills.

Senators voted 36 to 0 for the social security measure on its final reading for adoption of House amendments. Senator Bell of Mecklenburg voted "present" after opposing it originally.

The House without a record vote, approved a Senate change in the textbook act to remove the mandatory provision that free textbooks be provided elementary school pupils next year, with high school pupils continuing to rent textbooks.

The Senate passed the bill by a vote of 38 to 4 last night as both houses reconvened for another week's work and vigorously tackled their calendars in a drive toward sine die adjournment by March 18.

The House passed the motor vehicle bill cutting the price of license plates from 40 to 30 cents per hundred-weight. The bill now goes to the Senate.

The House reduced a proposed \$50,000 annual appropriation for adult education to \$25,000 and sent it to the Senate. The Senate killed a proposed constitutional amendment bill to abolish capital punishment.

60 Local Bills Pass.

More than 60 bills were quickly

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SAYS SOUTH NEEDS ITS WINTER CROPS

Hugh McRae Says Section Will Be Free Economically When Fields Are Green

Atlanta, Ga., March 9.—(AP)—Hugh McRae, of Wilmington, told the South western Economic Conference here today the South will be free from economic bondage when the South's fields are green in winter.

He told the conference the South needed greater planting of winter crops to make the soil free from erosion.

The meeting was called to center study of southern leaders on soil erosion, human erosion, the evils of one-crop and long continued row-crop farming, farm tenancy and other problems of the South.

Chloroform Slaying Up Next Month

Charlottesville, Va., March 9.—(AP)—Charles Moran, clerk of Albemarle circuit court, said today the trial of Dr. R. G. Miller, charged with murder in the death of 18-year-old Cleo Sprouse, "most likely" will be the first on the docket of the April term of court.

Dr. Miller, held in Henrico county jail at Richmond, was indicted on charges of murder late yesterday by the regular grand jury of Albemarle county.

OUR WEATHER MAN



FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair and colder, possibly frost tonight; Wednesday fair.

NEGOTIATORS IN G-E CONFERENCE



James B. Carey



William Russell Burrows

Union and company representatives who will open negotiations between General Electric and the Committee for Industrial Organization March 15 are shown above. James B. Carey, 25-year-old president of the Radio and Electrical union, is the C. I. O. representative. William Russell Burrows, vice president in charge of manufacturing in the General Electric company, will represent the company in conferences. Carey began his union as a fishing club. Today it has 72,000 members.

Roosevelt Hopes Tonight To Reach 'Man On Street' In Plea To Change Court

Indict Nash Man In Farm Slaying

Nashville, March 8 (AP)—The Nashville county grand jury today indicted Melvin Coggins, farmer, on a charge of murdering Henry June Fogleman, Castalia farmer, ten days ago.

Fogleman was found in the woods with shotgun wounds in his abdomen and severe blows on his head. Nash Sheriff C. V. Faulkner arrested Coggins shortly afterward.

The case was continued until the May term of superior court.

SEES PARTNERSHIP FOR LABOR-CAPITAL

Steel Agreement Marks Epoch and Also Enthrones John Lewis

By CHARLES P. STEWART, Central Press Columnist. Washington, March 9.—What may be described as vertical unionism's newly-cemented partnership with capital in the steel industry pretty effectively establishes John L. Lewis' supremacy in a leadership of American labor.

It is fair to call it a partnership. It long has been a commonplace that capital and labor ought to be partners, but, in fact, as we all know, they by no means have behaved toward each other as if they considered

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DR. A. D. WILCOX, OF LOUISBURG, IS DEAD

Was Long Member of North Carolina Conference; Widow and Two Sons Survive.

Durham, March 9.—(AP)—Dr. A. D. Wilcox, president of Louisburg College, died at Duke hospital here at 12:45 o'clock this afternoon. He was brought to Duke last night after being ill for several days. He was 68 and had been president of Louisburg College for the past six years, and was a member of the North Carolina Methodist Conference 35 years. The widow and two sons survive. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Speech Is Revamped by President After Finding First Draft Unsatisfactory

A. F. L. WILL BEGIN DRIVE FOR STEEL

Metal Trades Leader Goes to Pittsburgh To Attempt To Swing Anti-C. I. O. Union; House Substitutes Own Neutrality Bill for Senate Bill

Washington, March 9.—(AP)—President Roosevelt worked over his latest speech on the Supreme Court today to point it toward the "man on the street."

Dissatisfied with the rough draft of the address he will broadcast tonight at 10:30 o'clock, he cleared his calendar of all except official engagements and sat down to re-dedicate his arguments in simple language.

White House aides said he wanted to be sure "the man on the street" understood his contentions.

As the President worked, a swirl of labor developments commanded attention. In one leader of the American Federation of Labor agreed to take counsel with directors of an anti-C. I. O. movement among steel workers.

John Frey, president of the labor federation's metal trades department, said he would go to Pittsburgh tonight to meet employee representatives of the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Cor-

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Grave Crisis To Be Told In Talk Tonight

Washington, March 9.—(AP)—President Roosevelt approached his second appeal to the country for his court reform today with assurances from a group of organized labor leaders that sentiment among their followers were with him.

Labor's Non-Partisan League, which was pro-Roosevelt in the 1936 support for the President's proposal.

Friends said Mr. Roosevelt's speech at 10:30 o'clock tonight would put forth his program as the only prac-

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ALTERNATIVE NOT OFFERED BY FOES, CHAIRMAN STATES

Says Opponents Straining at Gnat and There Is Ample Precedent for Change Asked

PRESIDENT'S MOTIVE DECLARED PATRIOTIC

Only Trying To Preserve Democratic Institutions in America; Farley Speaks at New Reidsville Federal Building and Also at Chapel Hill

Chapel Hill, March 9 (AP)—James A. Farley accused opponents of President Roosevelt's court reorganization plan of "straining at a gnat" today and cited what he called ample precedent for a change.

"The question is constantly arising as to where politics ends and where patriotism begins," the speaker said at the outset of his address. "The answer is, of course, that, while loyalty to the party is essential, the welfare of the nation is pre-eminent. However, that situation arises only when the two cannot be reconciled."

The chairman of the Democratic National Committee made the statement in a speech prepared for delivery here under the auspices of the North Carolina Political Union, a non-partisan student organization at the University of North Carolina. A broadcast over a nationwide hook-up was planned.

Asserting those in the Democratic party who oppose the plan agree with his (President Roosevelt's) diagnosis of the evil, but fight against the method he offers to cure the evil," Farley said he had not heard any of them offer "an adequate alternative."

He told his hearers three Democratic senators who opposed the plan, Glass of Virginia, Wheeler of Montana and Connally of Texas, had joined in attacking the court's "acno-

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FORMER MEMBER OF RESERVE BODY DIES

George James, of Memphis, in Ill Health Since Resigning in January, 1936

Memphis, Tenn., March 9 (AP)—George James, former member of the Federal Reserve Board, died here today.

The 70-year-old financier and merchant had been in ill health since January, 1936, when he resigned from the reserve board after years of service, and died this morning at 4:45 o'clock at his home.

He was chairman of the board of William Moore Drygoods Company here. He returned to Memphis last April, after having spent the major part of his time in Washington.

Italians Are Fighting For Rebel Forces

Captured Foreigners Say They Reached Spain After Ban Was Clamped on

(By The Associated Press). With Spanish insurgents staging a new major push on Madrid from the northeast, the city's defense chief, General Jose Miaja asserted today three captured Italians had said they belonged to "a whole Italian division" participating in the drive.

Italy, along with 26 other nations, had forewarned the sending of volunteers to Spain. The ban was effective February 20, but Miaja said the prisoners declared they landed at Cadiz February 22.

The French government's fear volunteers and arms might be continuing to enter Spain, despite the Europe-wide agreement, caused the Paris administration to instruct its

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