

EARHART PLANE CRACKS UP AT HONOLULU

LEGISLATURE VOTES TO CLOSE SINE DIE NEXT TUESDAY NOON

COURT RESOLUTION BACK IN SENATE TO BE VOTED ON THERE

Motor Licenses at \$7 Minimum Voted by House, Which Passes School Measure

BILL TO LEGALIZE CHANCE GAME LOST

Court Measure Reported For Second Time "Without Prejudice" by Senate Calendar Committee And Is Now on Calendar There For Action

Raleigh, March 20.—(AP)—The legislature voted today to adjourn its 1937 session sine die at noon Tuesday.

Both divisions worked briskly on odds and ends of legislation after adopting the joint resolution setting the hour for quitting.

Early in the month the legislators voted to stop March 18, but were unable to complete their tasks.

Conferees on the school machinery act completed their work and reported at afternoon sessions.

The House accepted the school compromise and adjourned until Monday at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Representative enacted into law the motor vehicle, finance and code act, cutting license tags to a minimum of \$7 from \$8 for private cars and rewriting the general automobile laws.

The House also accepted Senate amendments to a bill providing explicit money for superior court expenses.

"Skill" Machine Bill Killed. After warm debate, the House (Continued on Page Three.)

Resolution Over Court Might Fail

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, March 20.—The Senate is still playing pock-a-boo and hide-and-seek with the joint resolution indorsing the position of President Franklin Roosevelt in his Supreme Court reorganization program and calling upon the members of the North Carolina delegation in Congress to support the President and his program.

On motion of Senator John H. McDaniel, of Cabarrus county, the resolution was for further consideration. It had been reported out by the committee with a re-referred to the calendar committee "without prejudice" report, equivalent

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Many Bills Acted Upon Past Week

Solons Moved Rapidly on Home Stretch Drive Toward Adjournment

Raleigh, March 20 (AP)—North Carolina's General Assembly, in a home-stretch drive for final adjournment, cleared up odds and ends and put finishing touches on important legislation today predicted confidently the 1937 session would be concluded early next week, possibly by Tuesday.

Bills calling for a bond issue of \$2,344,000 for permanent improvements at State institutions and for payment of \$417,000 in back salary to State employees were ordered ratified this

OPPOSING APPEALS ON SUPREME COURT ISSUE ARE VOICED

St. Louis Editor Says Democracy Will Disappear Unless Court Is Revamped

SENATOR CALLS ON FARMERS TO SPEAK

Nebraskan Tells Them If They Will Act, Program of Progress Can Go On Under Constitution; Eccles Warning of Inflation Draws Attention

Washington, March 20.—(AP)—The wordy controversy over President Roosevelt's court reorganization proposals brought today two new appeals for and against their enactment.

Irving Brant, St. Louis editorial writer, told the Senate Judiciary Committee if the Supreme Court is permitted to use "its arbitrary power to thwart the aspirations of the underprivileged masses, the democratic government we have known in the United States will disappear."

A short time later Senator Burke, Democrat, Nebraska, a leading opponent of the President's program, appealed to farmers to join the opposition. He asserted in a radio address the purpose of the court bill is "to make reasonably sure the court will never again dare to act as an independent tribunal of justice."

Burke said "if the farmers of America will make their voice heard now in one thunderous demands 'hands off our Supreme Court,' we can once more move forward under the Constitution to better days."

The problems of holding to industrial recovery and safeguarding America's neutrality shared interest in the Capitol this week with the Supreme Court controversy.

Chairman Eccles, of the Federal Reserve Board, warned against a too rapid upward swing of prices and asked the budget be balanced with increased taxes on incomes and profits, if necessary.

Congressmen who balked at the suggestion of the more taxes were heartened by a Treasury estimate that income taxes this month would probably reach \$840,000,000, nearly double those last year.

Secretary Eker appealed for business initiative in studying means of preventing a runaway boom, and Secretary Wallace said the government has the power to influence, but not to control a business boom.

Strikes, often associated with re-

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CALENDAR GROUPS WORK LONG HOURS

Members Have Passed On 1,000 Bills Past Two or Three Weeks

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, March 20.—The chairmen and members of the House and Senate calendar committees have been doing more work and putting in longer hours than any other members of the General Assembly for the past three weeks.

Every bill introduced in the House and Senate during the last 21 days has been referred to these committees for consideration, while the hundreds of bills already passed on by House committees and sent to the Senate from the House, have been referred to the Senate Calendar Committee before going on the Senate calendar for action.

As a result, Representative John Hill Paylor, of Pitt county, chairman of the House Calendar Committee, and the four other members of his committee, have read and passed on

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Burials Are Begun For 455 Victims Of School Blasts

Great Procession of Funerals Starts After Sun-Up With Clocklike Precision

MILITARY INQUIRY IS NOW UNDER WAY

Merely Trying To Prevent Such Disasters in Future, Major Howard Says; Seeping of Natural Gas Into Hollow Tile Walls Is Believed Cause

New London, Texas, March 20.—(AP)—Burial of its 455 school blast victims occupied this village of death today while the full force of a military inquiry sought the cause of the catastrophe of its kind in modern times.

Soon after sun-up, the great procession of funerals began. From churches, private homes and funeral chapels hearses streamed to burial grounds. Volunteer ministers from over the vast East Texas oil region performed continuous services with almost clocklike precision.

To a barnlike school hall adjoining the ruins of the once imposing school building, a military court headed by Major Gaston Howard summoned more than a score of witnesses who it was hoped could explain the cause of the tearing explosion.

"We are not here to conduct a criminal court," Major Howard said. "We merely want to help by trying to find out what caused the explosion, and thus possibly do something to prevent such future disasters."

D. E. P. Schoch, an explosion expert from the University of Texas, was called upon to give a final opinion on the cause of the blast at the close of the hearing. He had said there was no doubt natural gas had seeped into hollow tiles in the school walls, converting it into a veritable bomb.

Nitroglycerine Rumored. Toll of the London community school blast was boosted to 455 by latest checks today as a military court of inquiry convened to hear contrasting theories of the cause—one, ac-

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BARBER RACKET IS BALKED IN HOUSE

State Board Would Have Pocketed Higher Fees, Is Charge Made

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, March 20.—The last-minute attempt of the State barbers' board to get through a supplemental bill which would have diverted all the money from increased fees into its pockets instead of for the employment of more barber shop inspectors, was knocked for a loop by the House Friday when it defeated the bill by a vote of 49 to 32. The House had previously passed the bill, with an amendment by Representative W. E. Fenner, of Rocky Mount, bringing all the barber shops in the State under the Statewide barber shop inspection law and increasing the fees the barbers pay the board each year, with the provision that all of the money accruing from the increase must be

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Body of Another Infant Found And Barber Confesses

New York, March 20.—(AP)—Within a few hours after discovery of the body of a nine-year-old girl mutilated and stuffed into a burlap bag, police today arrested Salvatore Ossido, a Brooklyn barber, father of two children, and charged him with the crime.

Detective Lieutenant Ralph de Marini said Ossido confessed he attacked and killed the child. The victim, Erna Sporer, a pretty blue-eyed blonde was found by Kalman Yaskowitz, who saw the crimson-stained bag on the front porch of a two-story brick house a short distance from the girl's home.

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Many New Commissions Are Authorized By Legislature

State ABC Board and New Highway Commission Principal Creations; Many Others Would License Dealers or Study Proposed Needs of the State

Judicial Chat Between Courses

Supreme Court Justice Willis Van Devanter (left), and U. S. Circuit Judge Joseph Buffington are shown conversing during the dinner at Philadelphia in honor of former Senator George Wharton Pepper. What they had to say doesn't show in the picture.

Sitdowners Send Threat Of Violence

Murphy Warned To Avoid Ejection; Governor Reports Progress Is Made

Detroit, Mich., March 20 (AP)—Representatives of 6,000 sitdown strikers defying court orders for their eviction from Chrysler automobile plants, informed Governor Frank Murphy today they were using "the only weapon we have," and warned the use of State troops to eject them would "lead to bloodshed and violence."

SATISFACTORY PROGRESS REPORTED BY GOVERNOR (By The Associated Press)

Opposing forces in a number of industrial disputes involving thousands of idle workers sought to compose their differences over the conference table today.

Agreement between employer and employee ended several strikes in scattered parts of the nation, but major disputes remained unsettled.

Federal and State mediators pressed for a settlement of the Chrysler Motor Corporation strike that has kept 60,000 employees idle two weeks. Governor Frank Murphy, of Michigan, said the dispute is moving along rapidly and satisfactorily toward solution.

Governor Murphy conferred with officials of the company and the United Automobile Workers Union last night in what he called "preliminary conferences." Secretary of Labor Perkins talked by telephone with the governor and Walter P. Chrysler.

OUR WEATHER MAN

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Shows this afternoon and early tonight; Sunday fair; somewhat colder Sunday and tonight.

WEEKLY WEATHER. South Atlantic States: Fair, with moderate temperatures beginning of week; warmer with rainy period middle of week; colder about Thursday and rainy period again at end of week.

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ROUND-THE-WORLD FLIGHT IS DELAYED FOR MANY WEEKS

Plane Skids on Wet Concrete in Attempted Take-Off and Left Tire Blows Out

QUICK ACTION SAVES LIVES OF OCCUPANTS

Amelia Flashes Switch Off And Prevents Fire; Despite Bad Weather, Woman Flier and Two Men Companions Were Starting on 1,532-Mile Hop

Honolulu, March 20 (AP)—Amelia Earhart's \$80,000 around-the-world plane crashed today as she was taking off for Howland Island, but her own quick action saved the lives of herself and two men companions.

"A tire blow-out," the tousle-headed flier said to army officers who hurried to the scene of the wreck. "No one was hurt; only our spirits are bruised."

"I cut the switches." Her swift cutting of the switches of the two powerful motors prevented the plane from catching fire and exploding more than 800 gallons of gasoline in the tanks.

Amelia came through with only a whitened face to reveal her feelings and disappointment over the wrecking of her eight-ton craft.

"We were going about 50 miles an hour when the right tire blew out. This means postponement of my world trip, but not cancellation."

Paul Mantz, Miss Earhart's technical advisor, estimated repairs would take about two weeks at the factory but about four months if done here.

PLANE SKIDS OVER WET CONCRETE RUNWAY LINE

Honolulu, March 20.—(AP)—Amelia Earhart's around-the-world plane skidded and crashed today while she was attempting to take off for Howland Island on her world flight, but she and her two men companions escaped injury.

The plane skidded on the wet concrete runway and the left tire blew out, wrecking the undercarriage.

There was a burst of flame from the engine and ambulances raced toward the scene. They arrived to find Miss Earhart, white-faced, climbing from the wrecked craft.

"Something must have gone wrong," she exclaimed.

Earlier in the day the Coast Guard cutter Roger Taney, standing by 200 miles south of Honolulu had reported skies overcast and intermittent showers, with visibility poor.

Earlier than that America's No. 1 flier had announced plans for a 1 a. m. take-off on the second leg of the round-the-world flight.

Howland Island is 1,532 miles southwest of here. The route is over a part of the Pacific Ocean never before flown in a plane.

Insurgents Blast Into Old Madrid

But Government Bombers Harass Rebel Guard At Guadalajara

Navalcarnero, Spain, March 20 (AP)—Insurgent forces in the University City sector at Madrid's northwest corner were reported today to have smashed through the capital's defenses into northern Madrid.

Word of crumpled resistance and a sudden thrust into the long-besieged city was brought to this insurgent base by persons who said they witnessed the incursion.

GOVERNMENT AIRMEN LASH AT REAR GUARD OF REBELS

Madrid, March 20 (AP)—Government airmen lashed at General Francisco Franco's Guadalajara rear guard today with bombs and machine guns, striving to complete what General Jose Miaja already termed the "impossible" of that Madridward offensive.

Officers said the insurgent forces, whom they described as Italian peas-

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