

CHRYSLER STRIKE END BELIEVED IN SIGHT

Federal Judge Is Accused Of Taking Fee While Serving

Chicago Judge Alleged To Have Accepted \$35,000 From Chicago Concern

SUPREME COURT IS UP WITH ITS CASES

Court Clerk Tells Senate Judiciary Committee Court Has Carried Over No Completed Cases Since 1929; Opinions Given During Term of Case

Washington, March 30.—(AP)—Representative Kelly, Democrat, Illinois, told the House today Federal Judge John Barnes, of Chicago, received a \$35,000 fee from the Chicago Title and Trust Company, while sitting on the bench.

Meanwhile supreme court officer advised the Senate Judiciary Committee the court would decide all cases in the term in which the are submitted. The information from the court clerk Charles Cople reached the committee during President Roosevelt's plan for reorganizing the tribunal just a day after the court had experienced one of its heaviest opinion sessions in months.

Copley's letter, which accompanied tabulation showing a total of 687 cases disposed of last year, told the committee the carrying over of cases from term to term disappeared in 1929. Since, he said, "the court has decided all cases argued and submitted and have carried none under advisement into a subsequent term."

Another development on the court front occurred when the Justice Department expressed regret that Senator Holt, Democrat, West Virginia, had interpreted its action in a judicial appointment as a patronage move to gain support for the president's court bill.

Close Seven CCC Camps Over State

Location of Others And Also Camps of Different Kind Are Related

Washington, March 30 (AP)—Robert Fechner, emergency conservation work director, announced today the closing of seven civilian conservation corps camps in North Carolina for the April 1-June 30 quarter.

A camp will be reestablished in Mount Mitchell State Park at Black Mountain in Yancey county, however, and the 64 CCC camps remaining will be only six less than operated in the previous quarter, Fechner said.

The camps to be closed are as follows: Old Fort, in McDowell county; Globe, in Caldwell county, and Troy, in Montgomery county, in the Pisgah National Forest; Rainbow Springs, Clay county, and Highlands, Macon county, in the Nantahala National Forest; and soil conservation camps at High Point and Polkton.

Of the camps to be operated during the spring, 14 will be located in National forests, one in a state forest, six on private forests, two on wild life conservation projects, is on soil conservation projects, four in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Four in State parks, three on conservation projects on military reservations, and two on projects in the Tennessee Valley authority area.

A list of these camps and their post-offices follow: National Forest Camps—Marion, Mortimer, Hays Springs, Barnardsville, Balsam Grove, Asheville, and Canton, in Pisgah National Forest; Aquone, Tellico Plains, Franklin, Otto and Robbinsville, in Nantahala National Forest, and New Bern and Maysville in Croatan National Forest.

Private Forest Camps—Fort Bragg, Morganton, Southport Brevard, Washington and Ellizabethown.

Wild Life Conservation Camps—Swanquarter and Montico. Private Conservation Project Camps—Mt. Airy, Wanceyville, Lexington, Salisbury, Gastonia, Oxford, Burlington, Durham, Newton, Monroe, Madison, Lillington, Franklinton, Ramseur, Statesville, Rockingham, Shelby, Forest City.

Great Smoky Park Camps—Two in

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Graziani Expels Chain Store Head

Rome, March 30.—(AP)—The Giornal D'Italie disclosed today the Mohammed Ali, head of Ethiopia's largest chain store organization, have been expelled from the country by Italian viceroy Roldo Graziani on charges of spying for the British intelligence service. At the same time the French merchant Besse, director of Besse and Company, a large commercial house with many branches was fined 1,500,000 lire (about \$75,000), placed in jail, and then expelled for alleged having engaged in the arms trade during the Italo-Ethiopian war. He also was accused of currency speculation after the Italian occupation.

Intangibles Contentions Far-Fetched

Skinner Contends Exemptions by Legislature Are Unconstitutional

Raleigh, March 30.—The cry now being raised that the "exemptions" allowed in the new taxes on intangibles are unconstitutional appear to many lawyers and laymen as more or less far-fetched. Chief instigator of the "unconstitutional" outcry is John L. Skinner, Warren county, who is executive secretary of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. The very word "exemption" is anathema to Mr. Skinner and his outburst against the intangibles has occasioned no surprise in any quarter. It would have been really surprising if he had not started some such hallaballoo, despite the fact that he said last fall the constitutional amendment on the subject, was a "blank check" giving the assembly full authority to do whatever it wished.

Amendment Involved. Whatever merit there may be in Mr. Skinner's theorem will have to be decided by reference to the amendment adopted last fall in connection with the tax and exemption provisions which were unchanged in the Constitution. The matter is being studied by the attorney general's office and it is likely that Attorney General A. A. F. Seawell will have something to say in the near future.

"Off-Record" Decisions. Meanwhile, there is nothing to prevent unofficial law lights, or even ambitious laymen, from expressing their "horseback" or "popeyed" opinions regarding the matter and the consensus of these off the record decisions seems to indicate:

First: That it would be very difficult to get the matter before the Supreme Court, assuming the so-called exemptions to be unconstitutional.

Second: That they are not unconstitutional and that the Supreme Court will so decide if the matter ever gets before it.

On the first conclusion the point is made that no taxpayer who is taxed on his money in the bank could be heard to complain that \$100 of his deposit has not been taxed. That would be an obvious absurdity.

Then there is a line of court decisions that no taxpayer who has no money to be taxed can complain that his taxes on other property will be raised by the exemptions because the effect on such a taxpayer would be so insignificant as to give him no standing in court as a complainant. The old law maxim of "de nonnullis lex non curat" is applicable, these decisions say, meaning in plain English that the law will not concern itself with trifles. Obviously, the effect of exempting some small sum in each class of intangibles would have only an entirely negligible effect on the amount to be paid by Taxpayer Jonathan Zilch, for example, who has no intangibles but does own an acre of "bottom land" in Dare or Cherokee.

Real Issue Needed. The question might, some believe, be raised by a board of county commissioners who might seek a "declaratory judgment" without formal action, but even in that case there would

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Freighter Goes Down in Heavy Seas as Crew Rows to U.S. Cutter



Ill-fated Norwegian freighter Bjerkli foundering in heavy seas. A dramatic picture taken on the high seas—the Norwegian freighter Bjerkli sinking as first boatload of crew of 16 rows away to the U. S. coast guard cutter Chelan, standing by. The rescue cutter is not shown in the picture. The scene, 750 miles east of New York.

HOLDING MAN FOR KIDNAP-MURDER OF CHARLES MATTSON

New Mexico Sheriff Fred White Expects Early Developments In The Case

SHERIFF AND G-MAN WORKED ON CASE

Neither Will Amplify Statement Made by White; Developments Expected Elsewhere; Vern Charlton, of Washington State, Being Held

Tucumcari, N. M. March 30 (AP)—Sheriff Fred White, who arrested and held Vern Charlton, of Washington State, in connection with the kidnap-slaying of Charles Mattson, said today "We expect that this thing will clear up by tonight." The Quay county peace officer who has worked closely with Alexis Street, veteran department of justice operative from El Paso, would not amplify the statement.

It was taken to mean, however, developments were expected outside this eastern New Mexico town. Street, who locked himself in his hotel room last night and refused to answer any calls was equally taciturn today.

YOUTH CONFESSES BABCOCK SLAYING

18-Year-Old Buffalo Boy Admits Slaying Mary Ellen Babcock

Buffalo, N. Y. March 30.—(AP)—Police Commissioner James Higgins announced today an 18-year-old Buffalo youth had confessed that he killed Mary Ellen Babcock, 18, whose knifed body was found in a field here February 6.

District Attorney Walter Newcomb, to whose office the youth was taken, said he was booked as Thomas Smith, who lived several blocks from the South Buffalo field in which the Babcock girl's body was found.

Newcomb said the young criminal had made a "complete statement admitting the killing."

He said no charge had been placed against him, however.

OUR WEATHER MAN

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Mostly cloudy tonight; Wednesday generally fair, not much change in temperature.

Crop Insurance And Aid To Farm Tenants Discussed

Washington, March 30 (AP)—Congressmen considered aid for the farmer today in the Senate debate on "crop insurance" and a showdown opinion of a house committee studying farm tenancy.

U. S. COURT BACKS ATTORNEY GENERAL

Reverses State Courts and Rules Veterans' Money Not Taxable

High Court Approves. Reason for this restrained mirth lies in the fact that Chief Justice Hughes and the other eight "old men" have confirmed an opinion of the attorney-general's office, given in 1930, and have overruled the opinions of Superior Court Judge E. H. Cranmer and the North Carolina Supreme Court as written by "Connor, J." as the law reports have it.

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Destruction of Weeds Most Effective Weapon, Moss Declares

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KERR HITS SPEECH OF CARTER GLASS

Declares Radio Address Assures Passage of Court Plan in Senate

Washington, March 30.—(AP)—Representative Kerr, Democrat, North Carolina, said today that Senator Carter Glass, radio address against the Roosevelt court plan had assured Senate approval of the proposal.

The North Carolinian, a former superior court judge, described Glass' speech as "the most vicious and unwarranted attack ever made against a President of the United States."

Senator Pope, author of the \$100,000,000 bill to set up a corporation to insure the wheat crop beginning in 1938, said he would oppose efforts to make the bill effective this year. Senators Nye, Republican of North Dakota, and Frazer, Republican of North Dakota, both favored immediate insurance.

Executions Halted For Six Weeks

Raleigh, March 30.—(AP)—Twenty men are on death row at State's Prison, four slated to die Friday, and 10 by May 7, but there will be no executions for a month or six weeks.

Edwin Gill, parole commissioner and Governor Hoey agreed it would be best to postpone any deaths until after reconstruction work now under way on death row can be completed. In the list of Gill's record for execution by May 7, all of whom will receive reprieve and some may get commutations, are George Ekum, Wayne and Melvin Coggins, from Nash, both sentenced for murder.

WANTS PROFESSORS ON SUPREME COURT

Witness Suggests That To Dodge Extremists from Either Angle

By CHARLES F. STEWART. Central Press Columnist. Washington, March 30.—Professor Edward S. Corwin, Princeton university expert on constitutional law, testifying recently before the Senate Judiciary Committee, in connection with President Roosevelt's plan to reorganize the Federal Supreme Court made a really constructive suggestion, which has gone practically unnoticed.

PLOTS DISCLOSED AMONG INSURGENTS

Widespread Executions Carried Out; Resentment Against Italians

(By The Associated Press) Reports of dissension and executions within the ranks of Spain's insurgent army came simultaneously with government claims of advance on three fronts.

Antipathy to the Italians, who have played an important role in the insurgents fight to win all Spain, said reports reaching Bayonne, France, caused plotting within the insurgents' own ranks.

Widespread executions followed discovery of the plot, which were believed directed not at General Francisco Franco, but against Italian influence in Spain.

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The primary studies have been made to find how many host plant-carrier plants are susceptible to this disease," Mr. Moss explained. "In making such studies, it has been found that a large number of weeds are hosts to the wilt organism. Therefore, in order to control the wilt, it is necessary that fields be kept clear of all of the common weeds."

CONFEREES APPEAR IN AMIABLE MOOD AT NEGOTIATIONS

Soft Coal Miners Agreement Ends Tomorrow Midnight; Negotiations Underway

SITDOWN STRIKERS IN VIRGINIA PLANT

Momentous Questions Being Discussed That Affect Lives of Half Million Workers; Advocates of Minimum Wage Laws for Women Plan Intensive Campaign

Lansing, Mich., March 30 (AP)—Conferees seeking settlement of strikes which have kept Chrysler automobile plants idle for more than three weeks assembled in amiable mood today for the seventh day of negotiations as informed sources said an agreement was "in sight."

Walter Chrysler, chairman of the board of the Chrysler Corporation smiled broadly as he entered the executive chamber of Governor Frank Murphy.

STRIKE IN SOFT COAL FIELDS LOOMS HEAVILY

Momentous questions bearing on the daily lives and destinies of nearly half million American workers were today in the foreground of a nationwide picture of industrial unrest.

Last minute efforts to break a pessimistic deadlock between the United Mine Workers officials and the operators of mines, in view of previous eleventh hour agreements, may prove successful, some observers believe.

Persons close to negotiations in Lansing, Mich., where Chrysler officials and leaders of the United Automobile workers are trying to reach an accord, said they believe settlement was imminent. Advocates of minimum wage laws for women announced intent to model legislation in many states in conformance with the Washington statute upheld yesterday by the United States Supreme Court.

At Covington, Va., meanwhile, sit-down strikers, estimated to number between 250 and 750, barred the gates and suspended operation in the Industrial Rayon Corporation's plant in a move which caught unawares both

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The senate amendments were prepared for the original drafted bill, without taking cognizance of house amendments which eliminated a whole section, so identical changes intended for two consecutive sections applied only to one in the ratified act.

Eure and McEachern said they had found no major errors in other measures.