

23 STATES TO JOIN PARLEY ON FLOODS

Conference Called Friday to Map Plan to Curb Rivers.

By the Associated Press. ST. LOUIS, March 6.—Twenty-three States in the Nation's "flood belt"—the midcontinental basin—will be represented at a conference here Friday to formulate a comprehensive plan for curbing the rampages of the Mississippi, Ohio and Missouri Rivers and the tributaries.

Advanced reports from delegates who will represent the various watershed indicate that several controversial phases of flood control will come up for debate. Lachlan Macleay, executive vice president of the Mississippi Valley Association, said today.

One proposal is that the Federal Government assume the full cost of lands, easements and rights-of-way and full responsibility for damages, maintenance and operation after completion of flood control works, where downstream benefits of an interstate nature occur.

Creation of Authority Opposed. Other delegates, Macleay said, have indicated they favor a flood control program which will include provision for benefits to navigation, river channel stabilization and natural defense. Many delegates are understood to be opposed to the creation of a new Federal authority to take over flood control construction from the United States Army Engineers, Macleay reported. Maj. Gen. Edward M. Markham, chief of the Army Engineers, will be one of the speakers at the conference.

Other speakers will include United States Senator Bennett Champ Clark of Missouri, Representatives Will M. Whittington of Mississippi, Orville Zimmerman of Missouri, Wesley E. Disney of Oklahoma, and W. J. Driver of Arkansas, and Mayor William H. Dress of Evansville, Ind.

Weaver to Preside. Former Gov. Arthur J. Weaver of Nebraska, president of the valley association, which called the conference, will preside. He has designated the association's Committee on Water Resources, headed by Wade O. Martin, chairman of the Louisiana Flood Control Commission, as the Resolutions Committee.

Gov. Lloyd C. Stark of Missouri has invited Governors of States in the flood area to meet here at the time of the conference. Governors who will attend or will send personal representatives include A. B. Chandler of Kentucky, Henry Horner of Illinois, Homer A. Holt of West Virginia, N. Clifford Townsend of Indiana, George E. Earle of Pennsylvania, Carl E. Bailey of Arkansas, Martin L. Davey of Ohio and Gordon Browning of Tennessee.

Raid

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stations, where "boosters" stepped up the current sufficiently to relay the calls to a great number of individual telephones, said to be located in gambling places.

Three Phone Employees Held. In all, three telephone company employees were among those arrested, as one of them, Charles Purvis, 42, of the 600 block of Tucker street, was in the headquarters when the raid was made. The other technicians were Meade D. Kaufman, 29, of the 1600 block of Thirty-fifth street, and Charles E. Castle, 31, of the 3700 block of Twelfth street northeast. Shortly after the raid Robb summoned the latter two to his office in the court house, where they were placed under arrest.

Those found at the headquarters were Dietz, Cahill, Purvis, Sam Brown, 27, of the 3000 block of Rodman street; Benjamin Cohen, 31, Park Lane Apartments; Raymond Reese, 35, of the 1300 block of Thirtieth street; Samuel Lawder, 23, of the 900 block of Kennedy street; Claude R. Irving, 22, of the 600 block of Park road, and another man who police say had no part in the business, but was there attempting to sell jewelry.

Charged With Conspiracy. Robb said that besides charges of conspiracy to violate the gambling laws, the men might be charged with substantive gambling offenses as well. Investigators say the racing information service was operated behind the front of a lawful business, National Telecast, Inc., which furnishes programs of music and news to many gathering places throughout the city. In the placed-in "sound room" at the headquarters were two microphones, one used to broadcast the Telecast programs and the other used for racing news.

In another room was a switchboard connected with nine private and nine public wires. A powerful "booster" furnished the current for this first stage of the elaborate system. Among the private lines were the Baltimore, New York and Montreal connections.

Inter-City Link. The Federal men said they had not been able to uncover the nature of the link of the local organization with the other cities, but believed that this was the headquarters of a racing service extending throughout the East. Efforts are being made to develop a connection between the Dietz gang and the publishers of a "run-down sheet" for recording the results of horse races, which is distributed as far west as Akron, Ohio.

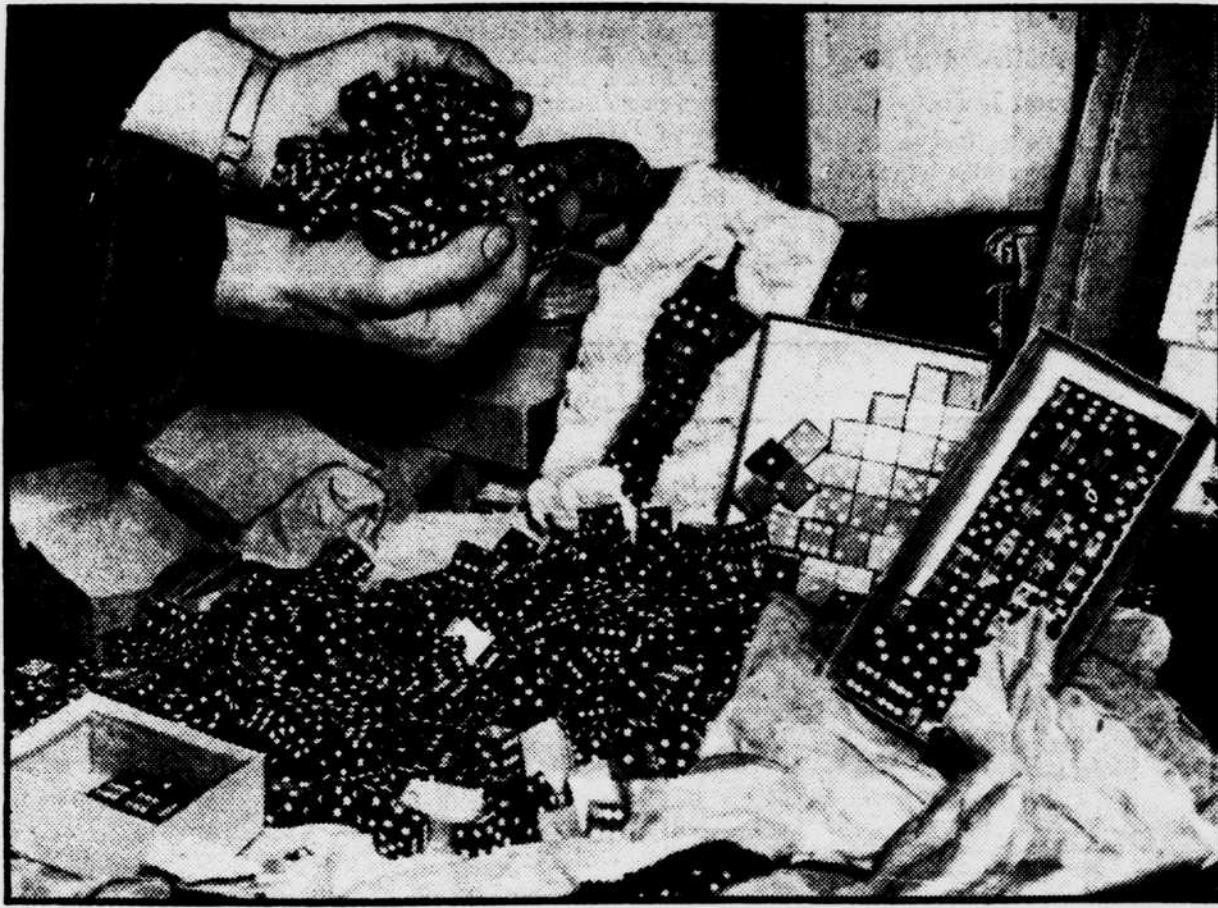
Intelligence Division operatives, anxious to uncover evidence useful in their income tax violation investigation, were disappointed at their failure to find bookkeeping records in the headquarters.

A large box approximately a foot and a half in diameter and filled with large red and green dice was found in open view. The raid was accomplished so quietly that few tenants in the building knew anything unusual was happening. Robb and Acting Capt. George M. Little were notified, and Little and Deputy Marshals Thomas E. Ott and H. S. Coates immediately went to the headquarters and the prisoners were taken to the District Court, where the grand jury room was converted into an impromptu jail. There they were questioned by Robb before being taken to headquarters and booked.

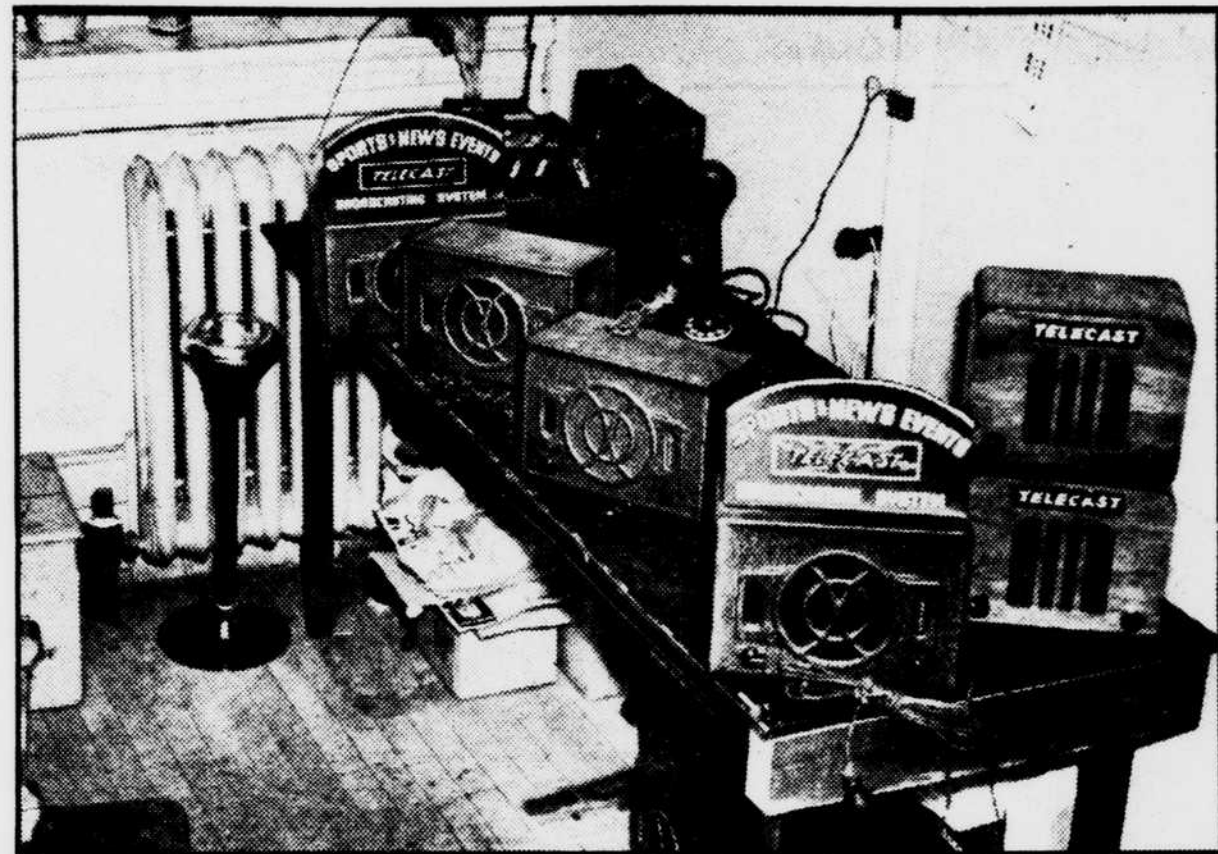
Later they were released on bail. Dietz and Cahill posted \$2,500 each, Cohen \$2,000 and the others \$1,000 each.

So secretly was the raid carried out that Harry T. Whelan and William B. O'Connell, attorneys for Dietz and

Gambling Apparatus Seized



Many pairs of dice found in room 801, Albee Building, last night when Internal Revenue Bureau agents and local authorities raided the place.



"Telecast" sets found in the raid, part of an elaborate set-up of radio and telephone apparatus seized by the agents.

his men, knew nothing of what had occurred until anxious wives of the alleged conspirators began calling them for information.

Inquiries by the attorneys at police headquarters and the police precincts failed to yield any information, and finally they turned to the District Attorney's office as a last resort. There they discovered their clients.

According to police records, Dietz's real name is Abe Plisco. He lives in the 1700 block of Hobart street. He has a long police record, having been arrested on charges of vagrancy, drunk and disorderly conduct, carrying concealed weapons, assault with a dangerous weapon, sale and illegal possession of liquor and setting up a gaming table.

Cahill, the man officials say is his partner, lives in Baltimore and has been arrested here once. On that occasion he was charged with disorderly conduct. According to Capt. Little, Dietz's rise to leadership in Washington's gambling world dated from the breaking up of the Beard organization after the raid on its headquarters in the Mather Building October 5, 1934. With Beard out of the way, the younger man had a comparatively clear field, Little explained.

Labor

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between the company and Local Seven.

The defection of the Aluminum Workers' Union's largest unit, at the New Kensington, Pa., plant of the Aluminum Co. of America, from the A. F. of L. ranks held prospects of spreading. John Hase, vice president of the unit, said a national conference of representatives of locals would be held April 12 for the purpose of drafting a constitution for an international union which would affiliate with the C. I. O.

The break with the A. F. of L. developed from a dispute over finances. The aluminum industry employs about 40,000 persons.

Recognition Claimed. Representatives of the United Electrical and Radio Workers, a C. I. O. affiliate, claimed the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co. had recognized the union as a bargaining agency for its membership, and aimed at further recognition. The union announced a drive to organize 12,000 employees in 20 St. Louis plants.

The break with the A. F. of L. began and others ended yesterday in a swiftly moving series of events on the labor front.

Agreements reached by automotive parts concerns with the United Automobile Workers of America, affiliate of the C. I. O., ended three sit-down strikes at Detroit. The settlements opened the way for more than 2,500 wage earners to return to their jobs Monday.

Approximately 2,200 are employees of the Timken-Detroit Axle Co., whose plant had been held since February 23 by nearly 400 sit-down strikers. The agreement provides for hourly wage minimums, after 60 days' employment, of 75 cents for men and 65 cents for women. The union was recognized as bargaining agent for its members, and the company agreed not to negotiate with any other group for six months.

The Detroit Stamping Co., employing 150 persons, agreed to recognize the U. A. W. A. as representing its members, established a 40-hour week and granted wage increases, in settling a two-day sit-down late today. Sole bargaining rights were accorded the union by the Allied Products Corp., manufacturing screw products for automobile producers, in settlement of a sit-down strike. Its 30 workers will receive hourly wage increases ranging from 8 to 12 cents. The Handy Governor Corp., its building held by 70 sit-downers since

February 24, applied to Circuit Judge Allan Campbell for an injunction against U. A. W. A. officials and the strikers, and a "show cause" order returnable next Thursday was obtained.

Auto Parleys Continue.

Executives of two major automobile producers—General Motors and Chrysler—weighed union proposals pending the resumption of bargaining conferences with U. A. W. A. officials Monday.

At General Motors, whose plants were paralyzed by strikes until a peace agreement was reached February 11, the question was a national hourly minimum wage—the only issue remaining after more than two weeks of conferences. Tentative agreements on all other differences have been reached, and on Monday Homer Martin, union president, and William S. Kuntz, General Motors executive vice president, will join the conferees in a drive toward final settlement.

The issue at Chrysler, where conferences started this week, is recognition of the union as sole bargaining agency for 67,000 workers. U. A. W. A. leaders are insisting on quick settlement of this question before any discussion of other demands without taxi service. A strike that began unexpectedly Friday spread quickly. A score or more were arrested in outbursts of violence. Formation of a union got under way and demands for higher pay and other concessions were formulated.

Wages were raised in scattered industries. Five iron mining firms announced increases for about 10,000 wage earners in Minnesota, Northern Wisconsin and Northern Michigan, which were expected to add from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000 annually to their income.

Raises Are Ordered. The United States Metals Refining Co. at Carteret, N. J., ordered 10-cent-an-hour raises for hourly workers and 5 per cent boosts for salaried employees, affecting a total of about 1,800 wage earners.

A 5 per cent pay hike was given workers in the Mohawk Carpet Mills, Inc., at Amsterdam, N. Y., while officials of the Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Co. there agreed to meet a C. I. O. group next week on wage demands.

The Seeger Refrigerator Co. in St. Paul announced a 10 per cent wage boost for 2,000 employees, aggregating about \$200,000 annually. Tailoring employees were given a 25 per cent increase at Youngstown, Ohio.

General Motors Corp., recovered from a strike that paralyzed its production for more than 40 days, re-

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gained its usual position at the top of the list in the week's production of automobiles.

In the Far West, ships again became subject to Federal tie-up orders if crew members failed to have "discharge books." An injunction at Los Angeles was dissolved. The action spurred interest of those opposing the law requiring sailors to carry employment records.

Leaders of a strike at the Remington Rand Co. at Syracuse, N. Y., threatened to send pickets to the White House, the Labor Department and the Capitol unless Federal mediation efforts were begun.

Coal Parleys Delayed. Resumption of negotiations in the soft coal agreement parley was postponed one day to Wednesday. The present contract ends March 31.

The Steel Workers' Organizing Committee decided not to enter the Republic Steel Corp.'s wage adjustment conference until its negotiations with the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp. were finished.

The Postal Telegraph Co. announced it had agreed to collective bargaining with employee representatives in conferences at Washington, Philadelphia and Detroit.

About 100 blind workers held steadfast in their "sit-down" strike for higher pay at Pittsburgh in the face of discomfort and illness. Organized relief workers maintained an alternating "sit-down" in W. P. A. headquarters at Great Falls, Mont., in support of wage and other demands.

Pickets took a holiday at the Lebanon, Pa., plant of the Bethlehem Steel Corp. The plant ordinarily is closed on Saturday.

But while it was quiet at the Lebanon plant, the strikers went to Steelton, Pa. 25 mile away, and urged employees of the Bethlehem firm's plant there to join in the strike. C. I. O. organizers said they were lending moral support to the

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T. V. A. INJUNCTION HEARING DELAYED

Circuit Court Has Yet to Pass on Appeal From Temporary Decree.

By the Associated Press. NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 6.—A Federal court hearing on the injunction dispute between the Tennessee Valley Authority and private utilities, mentioned by President Roosevelt in his speech Thursday night, will be passed over Monday, when it was originally scheduled.

The United States Circuit Court at Cincinnati has not passed on the T. V. A.'s appeal of District Judge John J. Gore's temporary injunction decree. This will delay the District Court hearing on the merits of the case.

"How can we confidently complete that Tennessee Valley Authority project or extend the idea to the Ohio and other valleys while the lowest courts have not hesitated to paralyze its operations by sweeping injunctions?" President Roosevelt said in his "victory dinner" speech Thursday night.

He later told a press conference he referred to Judge Gore and the temporary restraining order.

Under the order, the T. V. A. is prohibited from extending its lines or building additional substations, with certain exceptions. In addition, it can not seek new customers except in certain specified areas.

SEES VAST TAX RETURN. Helvering Expects Income Levy to Hit \$4,800,000,000.

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., March 6 (AP).—Guy T. Helvering, commissioner of internal revenue, said tonight income tax collections this year might reach \$4,800,000,000.

Helvering said returns from the fiscal year ending in June, 1933, when he took office, totaled \$1,600,000,000. Last year, the collections were about \$4,000,000,000. He attributed much of the increase to improving business conditions.

Here for the past two weeks on vacation, Helvering returns to Washington tomorrow.

Lebanon strikers. Two other plants of the company also were strike-bound.

To Protect Non-Strikers. Donald W. Douglas, president of the Douglas Aircraft Corp., announced creation of a \$5,000 fund to protect non-strikers at the plant.

Simultaneously, Mayor Edmond Gillette of Santa Monica issued a statement attributing the reported hurling of rocks through the windows of homes and automobiles of some of the workers to "bums and chiselers."

He lauded the strikers for their "peaceful picketing."

Garbage collectors at Amsterdam, N. Y., struck for a 10-cent-an-hour raise. They receive 45 cents an hour now. Housewives complained when rubbish accumulated.

Several groups, including the American Civil Liberties Union, prepared for meetings today at Waukegan, Ill., to protest use of force in ejecting sit-down strikers from the Pansteel Metallurgical Corp. plant February 26.

At Youngstown, Ohio, a bricklayers' strike, begun a week ago, ended as the General Contractors and Builders' Association signed an agreement boosting the wage scale from \$1.25 to \$1.50 an hour—or \$12 for an eight-hour day.

Approximately 400 employees of the National Paints Co. plant at New Castle, Pa., met then women, went on a sit-down strike, demanding wage increases of 15 to 25 per cent.

The plant gates were closed at noon. L. D. Pilsen, manager, said he would seek to negotiate with the workers as soon as company officials returned from Washington.

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Streets Slippery, Ash Cans Full As Garbage Men Go on Strike

By the Associated Press.

AMSTERDAM, N. Y., March 6.—Garbage accumulated on doorsteps, slippery streets went unsanitary, housewives complained, but 60 municipal ash and garbage collectors merely sat today.

At first they undertook a genuine sit-down strike on their trucks in the Department of Public Works storehouse when their request for a 10 cents an hour pay increase was not granted. But four persuasive policemen broke that up, at least temporarily. Detective Thomas C. Humler said the strikers climbed off the trucks and left the building willingly enough, but they still refused to work.

There the matter rests until Monday morning, when Mayor Arthur Carter said he and members of the City Council would meet a deputation at City Hall. The Mayor said the

men, receiving 45 cents an hour, were getting as much as had been paid by former administrations.

Besides, Carter pointed out, the new municipal budget will not be ready before April 1, and in the interim, no additional expenses can be incurred.

A light snow, first in a month, made the city streets slippery, and the Mayor engaged a private trucking firm to scatter ashes. But the strikers persuaded the truckers to quit.

At least 100 vexed housewives called City Hall to demand why the bi-weekly collection of ashes and garbage was not made.

Meanwhile, one carpet manufacturer announced a 5 per cent wage increase for approximately 4,500 employees and another employing 3,500 set next Wednesday for a conference with union representatives seeking a 15 per cent increase.

Customer Offers Empty Bottles to Hold-Up's Loot

Leaves Hurriedly When He Finds Girl Clerk Menaced by Gun.

An unidentified customer contributed several empty bottles to a colored hold-up man's loot last night when he entered a grocery store at 1539 Fifth street to find the girl clerk covered by the bandit's revolver, police said.

Told to "give me the money in the cash register" by an armed colored man, who had asked for cigarettes, Miss Jeanette Lemmer, 22, who clerks in her father's store, told him to "get it yourself."

While the bandit was looting the till a customer entered and put some bottles on the counter. Seeing the hold-up man, he abandoned his empties in hasty retreat, flinging over his shoulder, "You can take these, too."

The robber escaped with about \$7 in bills, ignoring the gift of the bottles.

Guatemala has a nation-wide grow-more-bananas movement.

PLANT SHOW TODAY

Tropical plants will be featured at the Botanic Garden at 2:30 p.m. today when William A. Frederick of the office of David Lynn, architect of the Capitol and acting director of the Garden, conducts the public in groups through the establishment.

The Botanic Garden, located across the street from the southwest corner of the Capitol grounds, has the main entrance at Maryland avenue, between First and Second streets southwest.

The outing is being given under the auspices of C. Marshall Finnan, superintendent of the National Capital parks, and is the eighth in a series of "indoor nature outings."

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CATHOLICS INITIATE PASSIVE RESISTANCE

Mexicans Seek to Enforce Demands for Reopening of Long-Closed Churches.

By the Associated Press. ORIZABA, Vera Cruz, March 6.—Catholics seeking return of their long-closed churches today sought to reinforce their demands through a campaign of "passive resistance."

Leaflets distributed throughout the city instructed the faithful to follow three general lines of procedure:

1. To withdraw their children from public schools.
2. To attend no theaters or other public spectacles.
3. To buy only the most urgent necessities.

The last two measures, it was said, were designed to decrease tax revenues.

Leaders said new steps would be taken if the three passive resistance rules proved unavailing within a fortnight. The nature of these potential steps was not disclosed.

Cuba Reports Earth Tremor.

SANTIAGO, Cuba, March 6 (AP).—A strong earth tremor, perceptible for four seconds, was felt here at 9:20 o'clock tonight, Eastern standard time. First reports made no mention of damage or casualties.

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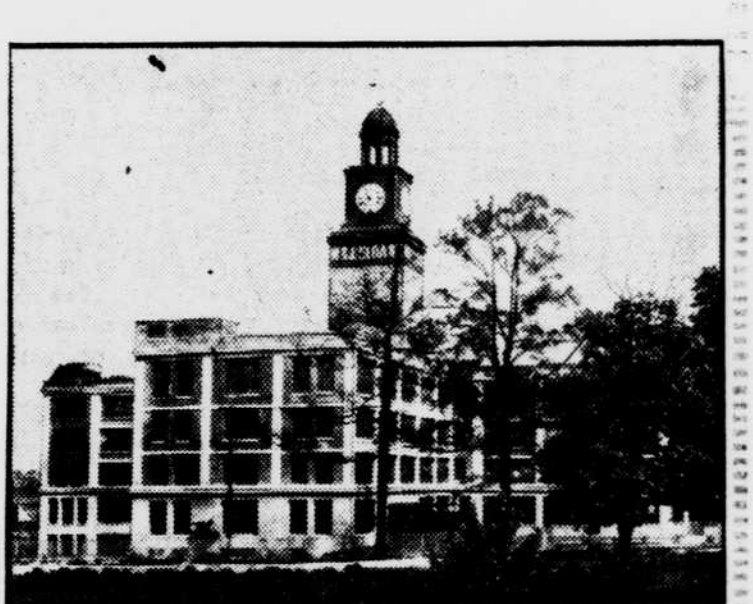
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