

Net Fishing Fight Enters Oregon's Legislature

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charges that they are destroying the fish runs.

4th District at Issue

The battle for Benton county waged on in the Oregon legislature today.

The house in one vote defended its bill yesterday to put Benton in the proposed fourth congressional district, but later agreed, 34 to 25, to reconsider. The senate voted, 22 to 6, to keep Benton in the first district.

The house will make up its mind when the bill comes up again Friday morning. The district embraced in the bill includes Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Lane and Linn counties.

When the house passed the bill, Benton county was included in the proposed district. But at the request of Benton county legislators, that county was removed by the senate.

House leaders, as well as members of the house reapportionment committee, said they would not concur in the senate amendment.

Sen. Howard C. Belton (R., Clackamas), chairman of the senate elections committee, which made the Benton county change, said there would be 214,500 persons in the new district as proposed by his committee, while 309,044 would be left in the first district.

If the senate and house should become deadlocked over which district Benton county should be placed in, and if no bill were passed, then Oregon would have a fourth congressman from the state at large.

PUD Tax Favored

The house taxation and revenue committee recommended last night a bill to tax publicly-owned power systems.

The bill originally would have taxed sales of public and private power firms with an offset for ad valorem taxes.

As amended, the bill will compel public systems to pay a 12 per cent tax on sales but private companies will pay only ad valorem taxes as in the past.

The house judiciary committee recommended unanimously last night against passage of a bill to abolish parking meters in Eugene, Portland and Astoria, the only Oregon cities which have the meters.

The committee said it is not a state function to interfere with purely city affairs.

A bill to construct a student union building at the University of Oregon and an auditorium at Oregon State college was on its way to the governor today, the senate having voted yesterday to concur in minor house amendments.

The senate yesterday passed 18 to 11 and sent to the house a bill to waive penalties and interest on delinquent property taxes for 1939 and prior years provided current taxes are paid.

The senate also voted to increase the salary of State Labor Commissioner C. H. Gram from \$3,600 to \$4,000 a year.

The bill was sent to the house, which already has voted to abolish Gram's office but consolidating it with the unemployment compensation and industrial accident commissions.

The joint ways and means committee approved today a \$120,000 appropriation for legislative expenses, supplementing a \$50,000 appropriation made when the legislature convened 53 days ago.

The committee recommended passage of a bill authorizing the board of control to spend \$100,000, to be matched by cities, for construction of armories. The bill would not be operative, however,

FUNNY BUSINESS



"A non-combatant, sir—he was digging a trench and cut a worm in half and fainted!"

If the federal government sponsors an armory construction program.

Separate bills to construct armories in Baker, Grants Pass, Oregon City and La Grande were tabled by the committee.

The firemen's pension bill, with a unanimous adverse report by the ways and means committee, will be considered by the senate Monday. The measure already has passed the house.

The senate passed and sent to the house today a bill appropriating \$15,000 to advertise the 1943 centennials of the Old Oregon trail and the Champoeg meeting at which Oregon's provisional government was formed.

The money would be given to the travel and information department of the state highway commission, which would use the money to supplement the \$100,000 a year it receives to advertise Oregon's tourist attractions.

Theft of Dance Proceeds Charged to Oakland Man

Donald D. Baird, 28, of Oakland, was in custody today on a charge of grand larceny and was held in jail in lieu of \$500 bail. Baird is accused of the theft of a cigar box containing approximately \$50, proceeds from a dance held at Oakland Saturday night, Sheriff Cliff Thornton reported. The sheriff stated that Baird had denied the accusation when questioned by officers. Baird waived preliminary examination and was ordered held to the grand jury.

Jail Term, Fine Meted on Drunk Driving Conviction

Convicted by a jury on a charge of drunken driving at a trial held Wednesday afternoon in the justice court, Lynn Thomas McNabb, 30, of Oakland, was sentenced today to 90 days in the county jail and to pay a fine of \$100. The court ordered that McNabb should be made eligible to parole after serving 30 days. The jury which heard the case consisted of Joe Blosser, C. H. Meusch, Charles Barker, Frank Brown, O. J. Feldkamp and A. A. Bellows.

Court Boosts Fees for Mountain States Work

PHILADELPHIA, March 6.—(AP)—Accountants and attorneys who brought about the reorganization of the \$10,000,000 Mountain States Power company should get \$82,000 for their labors, the U. S. circuit court of appeals ruled yesterday.

Roseburg-Medford Game Tonight to Be Broadcast

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from Roseburg, Wiard and Finlay; two from Ashland, Provost and Jandreaux; and only one from Medford, Fawcett. However, there were three Medford men on the second team, one each from Ashland and Grants Pass, and none from Roseburg.

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Douglas Red Cross Unit Dates Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Douglas county chapter of the American Red Cross will be held Tuesday, March 18, it was announced today by Mrs. Harry Hatfield, chairman. The place of meeting will be announced at a later date. Nyles T. Christensen of San Francisco, assistant director of the department of first aid, life-saving and accident prevention, will be the principal speaker, on the topic, "The American Red Cross on the International Scene."

Greece Masses Troops To Resist Nazi Threat

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Bulgaria, said nazis might invade the Aegean kingdom at any hour. Waves of German bombers were reported arriving from the north, reinforcing the nazis fourth air fleet totalling 1,700 bombers and fighters already based in Bulgaria.

Sofia dispatches said German planes were photographing both Greek and Turkish defenses.

Turkey Prods Russia

Turkey pressed defense preparations as her officially-controlled press called on Russia to halt Germany's march ever deeper into southeastern Europe.

With Adolf Hitler's armies now massed within 100 miles of the Dardanelles, Turkish newspapers declared:

"Unless Russia has decided to commit suicide, she will not let Germany come near her life-giving arteries. The Dardanelles are as important to Russia as to Turkey."

The Dardanelles, linking the Black sea to the Mediterranean, provide a Russian outlet to the western world.

Government quarters in Bucharest acknowledged that Rumania had received a communication from Moscow—a message which high diplomatic sources declared was a virtual ultimatum to Rumania to cede naval bases on the Black sea to Russia.

If true, two sharply divergent explanations arose:

1. Since Rumania is German-dominated, it may have been a thinly-veiled warning to Germany to beware of jeopardizing Russia's Black sea interests.

2. Or, cession of Rumanian Black sea bases may have been Russia's "price" for giving Germany the green light in the occupation of Bulgaria.

Rumania Masses Army.
At the time nazis troops set off for Bulgaria, Rumania mobilized a million reservists and dispatched them to the Russian border to replace German units withdrawn.

One theory expressed then was that, in her role as "protector" of Rumania, Germany would have been embarrassed by the presence of German troops on the so-called frontier if Russia made further demands on Rumania.

Diplomatic action continued apace in the nervous Balkan capitals. Britain was said to be putting heavy pressure on Yugoslavia to keep her out of the axis;

Turkish government quarters were quoted as saying Turkey's policy of loyalty to Britain had not been altered by a recent message from Adolf Hitler; Premier General Antonescu of Rumania summoned in emergency meeting of his cabinet after a hasty conference in Vienna with Reichsmarshal Goering.

Battle of Britain Ebbs

There was little air activity in the battle of Britain. A few bombs dropped on a south coast town in England but the government said there were no reports of casualties or damage. A British flying boat was said to have shot down one nazis bomber and damaged another in an encounter at sea.

British and allied Norwegian naval forces, striking in a surprise raid Tuesday at the Lofoten Islands off the coast of Norway, were officially reported in London to have sunk 11 German-transported ships and seized 225 prisoners.

The islands, stretching 150 miles, guard the approaches of Narvik fjord, where the British withdrew to end their Norwegian campaign last June.

Along with this account, the London admiral issued a statement ridiculing German and Italian claims in the war at sea.

In London, the government announced that the British army had lost only 525 men by death or capture in the entire campaign against Italy in Africa and the middle east including the seizure of Bengasi, which "completed the capture or destruction of the whole Italian army in East Libya, estimated to exceed 150,000 men."

France's mystery man, General Maxime Weygand, commander of 500,000 troops in Africa, was reported en route to Vichy for conferences with Chief of State Marshal Petain—presumably connected with threats of spreading war in the Mediterranean theater.

Speculation arose that he might be concerned over Germany's intentions in Libya, where nazis troops apparently have taken over the task of attempting to halt the westward sweep of Britain's

imperial army of the Nile. In the far east, an official announcement in Tokyo said France and Thailand had agreed "on the principal points" of the Japanese mediation plan for settling the Thailand-French Indo-China border dispute.

The announcement, made jointly by Japan, France and Thailand, said the remaining points "likely will be settled within a few days."

Japan's mediation plan, which had been presented as her last offer and the minimum acceptable to Thailand, is supposed to have required the French to agree to cede large areas of Laos and Cambodia provinces to Thailand.

(Thai forces are fully prepared to resume the fight and continue "until a decisive victory is won" unless France accepts the mediation plan, the Bangkok radio said today. If Indo-China fights, it added, "destruction of her race and religion is inevitable.")

The original announcement in mid-afternoon of the agreement on principal points came in the form of a joint communique by Japan, France and Thailand.

French naval forces in Indo-China were strengthened today with arrival of two submarines and a tender from Dakar, French West Africa.

BERLIN, March 6.—(AP)—German warplanes were declared today to have struck smashing new blows at Britain, both at home and in the Mediterranean, while frustrating attempts of the RAF to carry the fight to the reich.

Successes of the luftwaffe in the past 24 hours were summed up in the high command communique as follows:

1. Barracks and government shipyards at Portsmouth, English south coast naval base, damaged by direct bomb hits.

2. Halfair airport at Britain's Mediterranean stronghold of Malta raided with "great success;" hangars and shelters destroyed, three British planes shot down in air fights and others destroyed on the ground.

3. A British minelayer sunk off

the east coast of Scotland by a direct bomb hit.

4. An attempt by the RAF to fly over the occupied area of northern France in daylight yesterday "frustrated" by German pursuit planes and anti-aircraft batteries, with seven of 16 attacking planes shot down.

VITAL STATISTICS

BORN

WELLS—To Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wells, of Coos Junction, at Mercy hospital today, March 6, a son, Roger Mason; weight six pounds, three ounces.

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